



Nuclear leak casualties at Soviet plant

By Thomson Prentice and Christopher Mooney

A massive radioactive leak at a Soviet nuclear power station has caused casualties in what may be the world's worst nuclear accident. The leak was so large that it prompted a full-scale alert nearly 1,000 miles away in Sweden, including the evacuation of 600 workers from a Swedish power station on the Baltic coast.

These all confirmed a higher degree of radio activity than normal, and further tests at Forsmark led the Swedish authorities to believe that the discharge had come from the Soviet Union.

Mr Hans Edwall, of the Swedish Institute for Radiation Protection, said: "We are talking about very small amounts as yet. There is no cause for alarm."



Lady Helen Windsor, who was 22 yesterday, on her way to work at Christie's (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Tories struggle in two polls

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Government faces a difficult fight to hold on to two previously safe rural constituencies with majorities of more than 15,000 after evidence last night that its support for the American bombing raid on Libya is costing it dearly.

Joseph likely to be replaced within weeks

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A Cabinet reshuffle which will centre on the departure of Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, looks likely within weeks.

already gaining momentum and there appear to be at least three front-runners. With the Department of Education and Science expected to have increased powers, including a possible job training role, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the highly capable Paymaster General who is the Cabinet minister responsible in the Commons for employment matters, is becoming favourite for the job.

Tomorrow Systems failure

How the loss of the space shuttle Challenger puts NASA's management under the microscope

Garages to launch cashless shopping

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Leading US airlines add £3 charge for extra security

By Richard Dowden

New security measures for all transatlantic flights, ordered by the United States Government in the wake of the bombings at Rome and Vienna airports, are proving so expensive that Pan American Airways and Trans World Airlines have introduced a £3 surcharge for all passengers and it seems that other airlines may follow suit.

The Department of Transport has also introduced stricter security at Heathrow, where the number of spot checks on passengers has recently increased from one in 20 to one in three, but it is understood that these have been introduced independently of the new FAA rules.

officer who found the bomb carried by Miss Anne Marie Murphy at Heathrow last week. The bomb is believed to have been planted on her.

Portfolio Gold

Two readers shared the daily Times Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 yesterday - details, page 3.

Karmal talks

Moscow Radio broadcast an interview with President Bahkr Karmal of Afghanistan in an attempt to dispel doubts about his position and the mystery surrounding his whereabouts.

Protests upset jail settlement hopes

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Continued industrial action yesterday and over the weekend by prison officers had put the prospect of agreement with them in jeopardy, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday.

refusing to take new arrivals until the population was down from 205 to the 127.

Tin mining likely to end in Britain

By Tim Jones

The end of tin mining in Britain seemed almost inevitable last night after Rio Tinto Zinc announced that it was to close its three mines in Cornwall with a loss of 1,000 jobs because of "substantial losses".

laid off 280 workers and has said its future is bleak unless it gets a £22 million rescue package from the government.

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The Institute of London Underwriters is a vitally important part of the world insurance market. A Special Report looks at its particular role in the City Pages 27-29

Spode owner bids £151m for Wedgwood

By Richard Lander

Wedgwood, the Staffordshire company known throughout the world for its fine china, is fighting a £151.2 million takeover offer from London International, the consumer products group.

BT to reduce big business phone charges

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

British Telecom is planning to reduce its charges to major business customers in a move that signals the start of a fierce price war with its newly licensed competitor, Mercury Communications.

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Sparing the blushes of grey TV men

By Robin Young

News presenters with Granada Television were yesterday ordered to down powder puffs by the National Union of Journalists. In a bare-faced display of union solidarity the broadcasters appeared undeniably wan and puffy on the screens last night.

they have been using since transferring from Manchester to Granada's new news centre at Albert Dock, Liverpool, a fortnight ago.

This led to a complaint from the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance (Beta), the make-up artists' trade association.

Granada Reports news bulletin presenters who is also the NUJ deputy father of chapel (branch chairman) at Granada TV, said yesterday: "This hits me very hard because now I have to go on with all my pimple showing. And I have these big grey things under my eyes. I know that at some other companies it is custom and practice for presenters to do their own cosmetic

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Travel trade resigned to drop in US tourists after the Libyan raid

By Robin Young

The tourist industry throughout Europe and the Mediterranean area is counting the cost of the American retreat from international travel in the wake of the Libyan raid. Cancellations on transatlantic flights are so heavy that airlines are "consolidating" three flights into one, and still flying with empty seats. It is not only well-publicized pop stars and film directors who are cancelling their travel plans. IBM cancelled its convention, and the losses are heaviest from the business incentive travel and the tourist group markets.

In London, leading hotels are resigned to the fact that their North American trade will be down by anything from one fifth to two fifths on last year's record levels, when Americans accounted for one fifth of Britain's foreign visitors and nearly a quarter of their spending here. But the British travel trade consoles itself with the thought that things are even worse in Athens, Rome and the Mediterranean cruise market. "Americans think that Europe is one place, and that at present it is a battle ground," said one tourist industry spokesman yesterday.

Mr Duncan Bluck, the chairman of the British Tourist Authority, is going to the United States tomorrow on an extended promotional tour, trying to repair some of the damage that has been done in the American media. He will be attempting to capitalize on the Queen's walkabout in Covent Garden on her 60th birthday, and her open coach ride with the King of Spain, to prove that life does go on as normal. The association says that the impact on Britain's tourist industry should not be catastrophic. Four fifths of Americans who visit Britain travel independently, and 70 per cent are repeat visitors. However, forward reservations at hotels are well down on last year's bumper levels.

Cancellations rise in Paris and Bonn

By Staff Reporters

Fear of terrorist attacks has dealt a blow to tourism in Western Europe this summer, particularly as far as Americans visitors are concerned. Here is a country-by-country assessment: Madrid: Tourist cancellations as a result of international terrorism has been less than other Mediterranean nations, the General Secretariat of Tourism said. Cancellations have been coming principally from the United States and Canada, countries which represent only a small fraction of the tourist flow to Spain. Paris: Up to 50 per cent of Americans planning to come on holiday to France during March, April and May have cancelled their visits, largely through fear of terrorist attacks, according to estimates provided by the US Travel Service. In the week immedi-

ately after the raid, Air France registered 4,000 cancellations, mainly by Americans. Bonn: Ever since the bomb attack on the West Berlin discotheque early this month, rumours have been sweeping the West German tourist industry that the Americans are not coming this year. At a place popular with Americans, for example, Rudesheim, a town on the Rhine, the mayor, Dr Schiephorst, reported 88 per cent of hotel bookings by Americans have been cancelled. Athens: Upper bracket tourist trade in Greece has already written off 1986 as a dead loss, after huge cancellations by American tourists too nervous to travel to Greece. After the recent spate of terrorist attacks and the US-Libya conflict.

Those American tourists who are in London reflected the national anxiety about the wisdom of travelling at present. The only ones who had not seriously considered cancelling their journeys were those who had been told they could not get their money back. Members of the Arkansas Automobile Dealers' Association, which has been holding its conference at the Tower Hotel, had contacted their state senators for advice before making the trip. Many could still quote the reassuring statistics about the improbability of sudden death at terrorist hands quoted to them by their travel agents. But Mr Terence Kinden, of Port Richey, Florida, here for three weeks with his wife Marie, said yesterday as they stood beneath Big Ben: "If we had not come, we might as well have said that the terrorists had won."



Sightseeing in London yesterday, Norman and Floy Erickson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who are not allowing the terrorists to stop their holiday

Mother's 'hours of hell' after son's fall

By Craig Seton

Gavin Hall, the boy aged five who was hauled to safety after falling on to a ledge next to a 100 ft sheer drop on Cannock Chase, Staffordshire, munched toast and cereals in his hospital bed yesterday as his mother spoke of her "six hours of hell" waiting for rescuers to reach him. Gavin, battered and bruised, was expected to spend a second night at Stafford General Hospital, but he was well enough to tell his mother, Mrs Dawn Hall, how he saw a fireman "come to get me out" after he fell down a bracken-covered hole and became trapped in the rock crevice on Sunday. Mrs Hall said: "I went through hell for six hours. I had prepared for the worst, but I had never experienced such relief and joy when they pulled him out. Mrs Hall had kept away from the immediate scene of the rescue in case Gavin heard her voice and struggled as firemen and mine rescue specialists worked to free him. She said that Gavin told her: "I fell down a big hole and then a man came to get me out". He was given a toy dog by an anonymous well-wisher yesterday and he immediately named it Bernard after Fireman Bernard Gidman who stayed with him throughout his ordeal. Gavin's fall happened after he was taken by a neighbour, Mr Barry Bolton, and his two stepsons to Cannock Chase to kick a football about. The police believe that Gavin stumbled into a hole caused by mining subsidence. Doctors at the hospital said that he would probably be kept in for observation, but that he had escaped from his ordeal without serious injury.

Portfolio Gold

Playing Portfolio Gold is a family effort in the Langton household in North Wales. Yesterday it was daughter Katherine's turn to see if they had the right numbers and the family now shares a £2,000 prize.

A delighted Mrs Christine Langton said: "Both my daughters help me to play Portfolio Gold. We are so excited and didn't believe our luck at first." Mrs Langton said the family, of Pantynwyn, near Mold, had not yet decided how to spend the money. The other winner, Mrs Elizabeth James, a Lewisham housewife, was equally delighted with her family's £2,000 win. Mrs James's daughter, Sarah, aged 17, and her son, Jonathan, aged 8, often join in playing Portfolio Gold. The family have decided to put the money towards a holiday this summer and to buy something for the garden. You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to play the game. If you have any difficulty in obtaining one from your newspaper, send an s.a.e. to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.



Mrs James: win pays for family holiday.

Tribute after Bradford fire

A new radio "Oscar" was presented to Pennine Radio yesterday as a tribute to the Bradford football fire disaster a year ago. The award, for outstanding service to the community by a local radio station, was presented for the first time and was among the radio awards given by Sony at a ceremony in London. Radio Four won seven awards: best drama production (*Hiroshima, the Movie*); best current affairs programme (*Pile on 4*, "South Africa: Reform or Revolution"); comedy (*Delve Special*); classical music (*Symphonies and Silence*); best dramatisation (*Muchness*); technical excellence and achievement (*Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*). Other awards were: Gold award for outstanding contribution to radio: John Timpon, BBC Radio Four. Radio personality of the year: Douglas Cameron, Independent Radio News. Special award for services to radio: BBC and Independent Radio Local Radio for parliamentary broadcasting coverage. National disc jockey: John Peel. Best actor: Ray Smith for Radio Three's *A Kind of Hallowe'en*. Best actress: Jane Asher for BBC Radio Scotland's *Winter Journey*. Society of Authors' award for best script: *A Kind of Hallowe'en*. Best magazine: BBC Radio Norfolk's *Norfolk Air Line*. Best local radio programme: *Goodbye Village School*, BBC Radio Wales. Best specialist music programme: BBC Radio Derby. Radio reporter of the year: Mark Jordan, Capital Radio. Sports broadcaster of the year: George Gavin, BRMB Radio, Birmingham. Best popular music programme: Piccadilly Radio, Manchester. Best community service programming: Radio Clyde, Glasgow. Best children's programme: Radio Aire, Leeds. Local radio personality of the year: Mike Hurley, BBC Radio Humberside. Radio Academy award for best creative use of radio: Radio One for *Peace on Earth*. Best outside broadcast: Radio One for coverage of the Live Aid concert.

Payout to solicitor's ex-client

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent One of the most publicized and damaging cases against a solicitor has ended with an out-of-court settlement paid by the Law Society to the South Wales businessman who was overcharged by £137,000. The society agreed to pay Mr Leslie Parsons £50,000, with legal costs of £15,000, on the basis of the time and trouble to which he had been put in pursuing a complaint against his former solicitor, Mr Glanville Davies. Mr Parsons had claimed £400,000 damages in the High Court, alleging that the society had failed in its statutory duty to investigate properly the complaint against Mr Davies. The society denied any breach of statutory duty. Mr Davies was ordered by the High Court to be struck off the roll in proceedings brought by Mr Parsons after the Law Society had failed to investigate the matter thoroughly. Mr Davies had acted for the businessman in a lengthy legal dispute over the invention of an onion-peeling machine and had charged him £198,000 in fees, a sum eventually reduced by the courts to £67,000. A subsequent internal report by the Law Society found its handling of the affair had been a disgrace and that there had been wrong decisions, errors of judgement, a failure to communicate, high-handedness and insensitivity.

Prince jailed on drugs charges

By Staff Reporters

A Saudi prince was jailed for three months on drugs charges at Knightsbridge Crown Court yesterday. Prince Mashour bin Saud Aziz, aged 32, a nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, was given three months for possessing cocaine and 12 months, nine suspended, for possessing the drug with intent to supply it. The sentences will run concurrently. The prince was told by Judge Pownall after a three-and-a-half-month trial: "Every one can feel sorry for an addict. But addicts only become addicts because of their inability to refuse and because of the peddlers' evil trade." The prince, of Cheval Place, South Kensington, was found guilty on Friday of possessing cocaine with intent to supply. He was cleared of conspiracy to import and supply the drug but admitted possessing it. Before he was sentenced, another charge was laid against him, of possessing cocaine at Gloucester Place. Prince Mashour, victim of an "evil trade".

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Rest homes criticized

Private rest homes have been accused of providing inhuman treatment, dangerous medication and overcharging after a 12-month investigation. A report, *Realities of Home Life*, published by the National Union of Public Employees and West Midlands County Council, says disturbing evidence of regimentation, understaffing and low pay had been recorded from experi-

Americans present case for sugar

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Controversy about sugar and health, which in the past has led to angry accusations of misrepresentation, seems certain to be reawakened by a report published in London yesterday. The report, by the American Council on Science and Health, says sugar is not the danger to health that many experts claim and that there are no valid reasons why consumption should be cut. "Consumer surveys have shown that a substantial number of Americans believe that sugar consumption is a health threat," it says. "Their concern appears to be exaggerated and persistent." "In addition to tooth decay, some people mistakenly believe that obesity, heart dis-

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Party's expectations must be curbed, Hattersley tells unions

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party and Shadow Chancellor, warned the party and the unions yesterday they must put a brake on their hopes and expectations from a Labour Government. Progress would be slow, although he knew that would bring criticism from within his own ranks.

A Labour Government would not accept dictation from the unions, or would it do deals with them if it knew the policies to be wrong, he said.

"I will not allow the next Labour Government to fall into the trap which engulfed our socialist colleagues in France," he said. "We are not going to attempt to march during the first two years and be forced to abandon our hopes, as well as our policies, during the second half of the Parliament."

His speech, he said, set out the partnership between the party and the unions. He made no reference to industrial relations or pay. Instead he emphasized the first priority must be to get more people back to work. Other plans had to wait.

He told delegates to the Union of Shop, Distributive

Checkout girls are 'driven to suicide'

Supermarket checkout assistants are being driven to drink and drugs and sometimes suicide, delegates at the annual conference for Usdaw, the shop workers' union, were told yesterday.

They are suffering from stress caused by long queues at checkouts, handling large sums of money, impatient customers and more armed robberies, the conference at Eastbourne heard.

Miss Pat McDermott, from Stewarts Supermarket, Belfast, appealed for shorter hours, proper staffing levels, more breaks and more rest rooms.

At their Eastbourne conference, the 700 Usdaw delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of the move. Usdaw is the sixth biggest union, with 385,000 members.

One of Britain's most powerful unions, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, will name its new president today to succeed the late Mr Terry Duffy.

The favourite is another right-winger, Mr Bill Jordan, aged 50, the union's West Midlands divisional organiser.

Sheikh buys Arab horses in England

By Craig Seton

One of the largest consignments of pure-bred Arab horses from English studs to be exported to the Middle East has been purchased by Sheikh Said Alkindi, of Oman, who plans to sell them for racing and breeding.

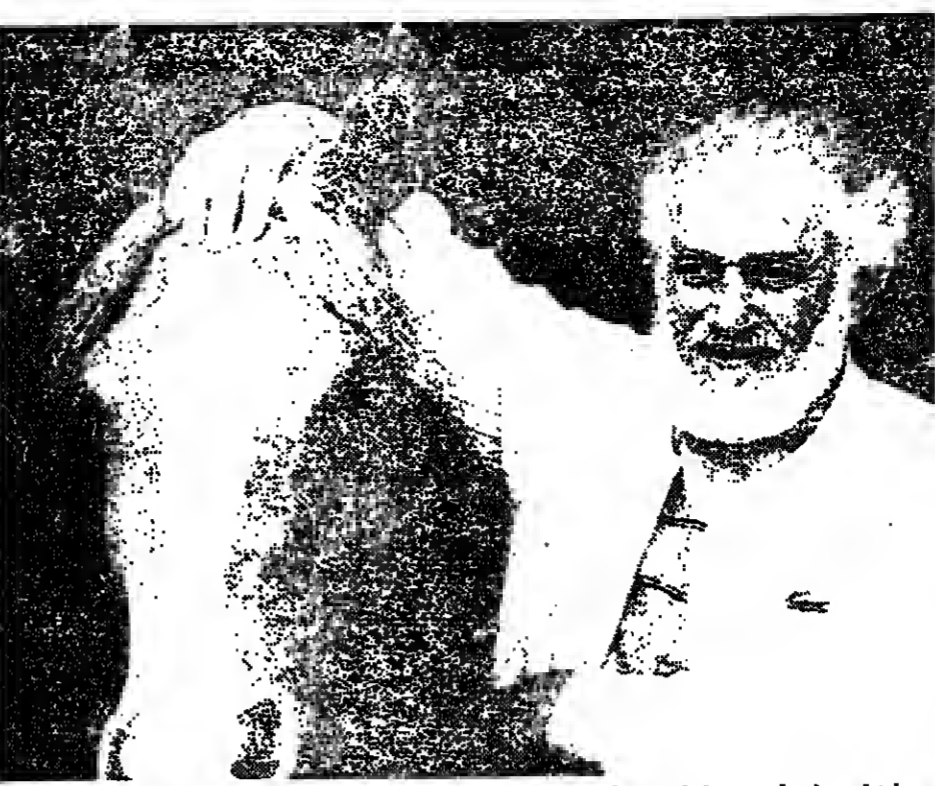
The Sheikh has paid £140,000 for 25 young Arab horses after a tour of English studs.

According to the Arab Horse Society, Britain has become the leading exporter of pure-bred Arab horses to the Middle East.

Mrs Patricia Westwood, who has sold three Arab horses to Sheikh Alkindi from her Meat House Stud at Ullenhall, Warwickshire, said: "This is the highest consignment of Arab horses from this country sold to one buyer in the Middle East."

Sheikh Alkindi, who owns a stud near Muscat, said he had bought six Arab horses on a previous trip to Britain four years ago, but now intended to return every three months to establish a regular trade.

Mr Colin Pearson, the administrator and registrar of the Arab Horse Society, which was founded in 1918, said that last year 162 Arab horses were exported by British members, 100 of them to Middle Eastern countries.



Coals to Newcastle: Sheikh Said Alkindi with one of the 25 Arab horses he bought in a £140,000 shopping spree at English studs (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Girl sees mother assault woman, 72

A girl aged four watched as her mother and pregnant aunt attacked an elderly woman and broke her finger to steal her wedding ring, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Sentencing Dianne Holgate, aged 22, to 10 years' jail, Mr Recorder James Crespi, described the attack as "outrageous". He remanded her sister, Maria Holgate, aged 17, for psychiatric reports.

Both sisters had admitted robbing Mrs Emily Shine, aged 72, of Kingsland Road, Bethnal Green, east London, causing her grievous bodily harm with intent, last July.

Maria Holgate also admitted assault and robbery offences in similar incidents involving five other women aged from 76 to 88.

Mr Simon Smith, for the prosecution, said they had put a cardigan over Mrs Shine's head and hit her with a cheeseboard so hard that it broke. She had also been hit in the stomach with a vacuum cleaner before the sisters escaped with the little girl.

The court was told that Maria Holgate, of Caledonian Road, Islington, north London, had been in care since she was aged seven. Dianne Holgate, of Murray Grove, Hoxton, north London, had since had her baby in prison.

Unofficial postal strike continues

By Tim Jones

More than 2,000 postal workers in South Wales decided yesterday to continue their week-long unofficial strike which has caused a backlog of more than 10 million undelivered letters and parcels.

Industry, business and social services throughout the area are suffering and at least one company is reconsidering expansion plans that could create much-needed jobs.

Mr Peter Walters, controller of mail for Wales and the Marches, said: "The Post Office cannot bow to unacceptable restrictions the union is attempting to impose on how the backlog of mail is cleared".

The strike began over the dismissal of Mr Jimmy Quigley, a postman, after he returned to a Cardiff depot with undelivered letters.

He was reinstated at an appeal hearing, but the men decided to stay out after the Post Office said it wanted to employ casual labour to handle the backlog. That would mean a loss of overtime earnings to the regular staff.

Breeder of rare eagles fined £500

A new home was being sought yesterday for nine rare African eagles after a court case in which their owner was fined for rearing them at his aviary.

The huge birds, big enough to kill domestic pets, were seized by customs officials from the home of the breeder, Philip Dugmore, 18 months ago.

At Stafford Crown Court yesterday, in the first prosecution involving large birds of prey, Dugmore, aged 59, of Trescott, near Wolverhampton, was fined £500 for keeping the eagles, whose importation is prohibited under the Endangered Species Import and Export Act, 1976.

Mr John Maxwell, for the prosecution, said that the birds—three Crowned Eagles, four Marshall Eagles and two Verreaux Eagles worth nearly £19,000—had been smuggled into Britain as eggs.

They had been allegedly stolen by a wildlife inspector in Zimbabwe.

Customs officers were alerted when Dugmore applied in January 1984 to register some of the birds and it was noted that no import licences had been granted.

Mr Robert Solman, for the defence, said Dugmore paid £3,350 for the eggs and spent more than £3,000 in transporting them to Britain and feeding them.

Dugmore was ordered to pay £500 towards Customs and Excise costs.

Police officers and wildlife experts were looking yesterday for an aggressive European eagle owl.

Standing 30 inches high and with a 6ft 6in wingspan, the bird was released by thieves who raided the Welsh Hawking Centre at Barry, South Glamorgan.

Levy 'will benefit the Scots'

By Ronald Faux

Most Scottish households would be better off under the community charge levy which the Government proposes should replace the rating system, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday.

He added that, for the rest, the increase would seldom be more than the cost of a packet of cigarettes a week.

Opening the debate on local government financing in the Scottish Grand Committee at Edinburgh, Mr Rifkind pointed out that 60 per cent of the Scottish electorate paid nothing towards the costs of local government.

Under the new proposals, every Scottish adult would contribute and be rejected the view that that would be a tax on the poor. He said that 80 per cent of single pensioners and single parents would benefit.

Those on very low incomes or the unemployed would be entitled to income support along the lines of the present rate-support grant. Only households with two, three or four working adults would pay more.

Mr Rifkind described the local income tax alternative as "a chamber of horrors".

But Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Secretary of State, believed the Government's plans were "a recipe for chaos".

Middle-class areas would benefit while working-class areas would have to pay more.

He feared that family life in Scotland could be damaged and people might be reluctant to register on the electoral roll if it was used to track down those eligible to pay.

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Science report: Corncrake yields clue to its habitat needs

By Gareth Hew Davies

The corncrake, a bird once common in lowland Britain but whose harsh nocturnal call is now mainly confined to the Scottish Isles, is yielding secrets of its habitat requirements which may enable scientists to devise a strategy to preserve it in its final strongholds.

A team from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds working in South Uist in the Outer Hebrides has found that the corncrake has a clear preference for a cultivated habitat of hayfields, rather than the dry and improved sheep-grazed turf machair, or wetter peaty soils.

Radio transmitters were fitted to 12 male corncrakes last summer to pinpoint the movements of the elusive Crex Crex, whose position is often betrayed only by its insistent night call.

The research has confirmed a long-held suspicion among scientists that the crakes move out of their calling points in iris beds and travel up to half a kilometre a day to feed, passing through the calling areas of several neighbouring birds, before returning to their habitual night habitat.

The home range of about 40 hectares a bird is considerably larger than the area a crake was thought to require. The birds were found to use drainage ditches, which conservationists previously thought ecologically retrograde, as a means of walking undetected around the fields.

The corncrake's design was first noted in the nineteenth century in the hay meadows of south-east England and is believed to have been hastened by mechanization of harvesting.

The hand scything still practised in parts of Scotland allows the farmer to spare nests. The most recent study in 1983 recorded only about 700 calling birds in Britain, almost all of them in north-west Scotland, with about a third in the Western Isles.

The three-year study, part funded by the Nature Conservancy Council, is designed to show whether EEC agricultural regimes are detrimental to the bird.

The RSPB team has returned to South Uist for a second summer to radio-tag females, to learn more about nesting habits and where they lead their young. The team wants to find causes for the bird's low breeding productivity: only four or five young usually survive past the nest from clutches of 11 or 12 eggs.

By the end of next year, the RSPB hopes to complete a corncrake conservation strategy that would be applicable throughout Europe.

"We hope to suggest ways to enable farmers to continue their activities so that they benefit the corncrake and make a living", Mr Tim Stowe, project leader, said. "We must maintain at least the existing traditional cropping system or lose the corncrake."

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Reagan signals his backing for the Aquino Government

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In an important gesture of support for the new Philippine Government, President Reagan is to hold separate talks on Thursday with Mr Salvador Laurel, the Vice-President, in Bali.

They will discuss Mr Reagan's offer of an extra \$150 million (£100 million) in emergency aid, made during his first telephone call to President Aquino last week.

Meanwhile, details have emerged of the long, emotional telephone conversation between Mr Reagan and former President Marcos in Hawaii at the weekend. The deposed Philippine leader, who did most of the talking, asserted he was still the rightful President, and complained bitterly about his fall and exile.

He said he wanted to return to Philippine politics, and in a phone call later to his supporters in Manila said he was "ready to fight".

Mr Reagan, according to Administration sources, firmly but politely rejected his assertions, expressing his support for the Aquino Government and saying that the Filipino people had expressed their collective will.

Much of the call was taken up by a talk between Mrs Imelda Marcos and Mrs Nancy Reagan. A Honolulu television station, allowed to shoot silent footage, broadcast pictures of Mrs Marcos distraught and sobbing.

She complained of her betrayal by the American media, and such unflattering accounts as her 3,000 pairs of shoes left behind in the presidential palace.

White House officials gave few details of the conversation, held in the presence of Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, and Admiral John Poindexter, the national security adviser.

Manila ignores rally appeal by Marcos

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The Government of President Aquino and Manila's newspapers yesterday ignored a strong, direct radio appeal by deposed President Marcos for his supporters to stage a rally on May 1 to demand his return from exile.

"I don't like to comment on the rantings of a discredited man," Mr Rene Saguisag, a presidential spokesman, said after the Marcos appeal on Sunday over a local radio station.

Only one of Manila's 10 daily newspapers mentioned the rally and the unprecedented radio address.

Loudspeakers in the city's Luneta Park broadcast the interview to about 10,000 pro-Marcos supporters who gathered at the park's grandstand for the fourth successive week to demand the return of Mr Marcos, toppled two months ago in a civilian-backed military revolt.

His supporters say Mr

Marcos, aged 68, who fled from the presidential palace in a US helicopter, was "kidnapped" and flown to Hawaii instead of being airlifted to his northern home province of Ilocos Norte, where he intended to regain control of the country from Mrs Aquino.

Many tearful Marcos supporters cheered and applauded when Mr Marcos, the nation's strongman for 20 years, urged them to "double and quadruple" their ranks and press for his return. But the crowd was half the size of the previous week.

Mr Marcos, who still considers himself President, said Mrs Aquino had taken power through the "greatest political robbery in history".

BERN: The Philippines has formally asked the Swiss authorities to help it recover more than \$1 billion alleged to be held in Switzerland by Mr Marcos, the Government said (Reuter reports).



Mr Reagan trying to catch a coconut during a walk with Mrs Reagan on a Hawaiian beach before flying on to Bali.

Chemical weapons to be kept in America

From Frederick Bonnard, Brussels

New American chemical weapons will not be stocked in Europe in normal peacetime. Nato is to ask the US to manufacture the binary chemical weapons and keep them there, ready for deployment in Europe in a crisis.

Senior defence planners from the delegations of member countries, meeting in Nato's defence review committee yesterday, approved improvements to the military force structure of the alliance requested by the leading Nato commanders, according to a senior Nato official.

Among these is the request from General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, for modern binary chemical munitions.

Binary chemical weapons are stored in two halves which are harmless apart, but form a lethal nerve gas when mixed.

General Rogers, who has been firm on his need for such modern weapons, is equally adamant about the need for political control. Provided they are available for rapid shipment to Europe, he said, "there is no reason why they now have to be over here".

What is necessary, in his opinion, is allied agreement to release procedures similar to those for nuclear weapons to place responsibility for their employment firmly in the hands of political rather than military authorities.

Five dead as balaclava gang attacks vigil in Soweto

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

At least five people are believed to have been killed and up to 30 injured in an attack by a gang in balaclavas at a funeral vigil in Soweto, it was reported yesterday.

Residents claim that several other youths were driven off in what appeared to be police vehicles.

News of the attack coincided with reports that up to 100 off-duty black policemen were involved in reprisal attacks on anti-apartheid activists in Alexandra township on Johannesburg's northern border last week which left at least three people dead. Police say that the claims are being investigated.

Two policemen were wounded yesterday in a pitched gun battle in Alexandra which left two of their attackers dead and another injured.

Another black policeman was seriously injured in Mamelodi township, outside Pretoria, at the weekend when a mob tried to "necklace" him - burn him to death with a petrol-filled tyre round his neck.

A hand-grenade attack was made on another black policeman's home, and police in Zwile township near Port Elizabeth were fired on by a sniper.

At least 33 black policemen have been killed in townships in the last two years, and many more have had their homes burnt down by mobs.

A sergeant was knifed to death in Soweto on Friday shortly before the vigil began for a youth aged 18 shot by police 10 days ago.

In Tembisa township, east of Johannesburg, police yesterday shot a man dead as

their vehicles were attacked by crowds gathering for the funeral of a trade unionist allegedly killed by police gunfire two weeks ago.

Police and troops later sealed off the township and barred entry to senior union officials, including Mr Denis MacShane of the British Transport and General Workers' Union, who is in South Africa with an International Metal Workers' Federation delegation.

Meanwhile, a judge in the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg yesterday ruled that the black National Union of Mineworkers is entitled to call a one-day strike on Thursday, May Day.

The Chamber of Mines, the employers' body, says that the stoppage could cost £21.5 million in lost production at gold and coal mines.

First Coloured ambassador tipped

From Our Correspondent, Johannesburg

A former school principal is expected soon to be appointed South Africa's first Coloured ambassador.

Dr Richard Hood, aged 50, a member of the President's Council, the Government's leading constitutional advisory body, is likely to be named as South Africa's man in Ottawa as soon as formal protocol arrangements between the South African and Canadian governments are completed.

Another Coloured, Mr Richard Davis, who has served in South African consulates in New York and Los Angeles, is also being tipped for an ambassadorial post.

Coloureds and Indians have served as junior diplomats in the South African foreign service for some years, and the Department of Foreign Affairs has launched an advertising campaign to attract more graduates to train for assignments.

But Dr Hood's appointment in Ottawa will be a particularly challenging one, given the delicate relationship between the two governments.

As South Africa's reform process gathers pace, speculation is mounting that the fundamental Group Areas Act will soon join the influx control laws on the legislative scrapheap.

Although last week's White Paper on urbanisation said that separate residential areas should remain for different race groups, Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said he was not wedded to any act.

The President's Council is investigating the Group Areas Act.

Appeal likely after Astiz acquittal

From A Correspondent, Buenos Aires

The Supreme Council of the Argentine armed forces has formally announced that Lieutenant-Commander Alfredo Astiz has been acquitted of all charges related to the disappearance of the Swedish-Argentine teenager Dagmar Hagelin.

Senior Luis Zamora, attorney for the plaintiff, Mr Ragnar Hagelin, father of the missing girl, said that he will study the military court's decision with the purpose of lodging an appeal.

The military high tribunal based its decision on a lack of conclusive proof that Lieutenant-Commander Astiz was in-

involved in the 1977 disappearance of Dagmar or her detention in the Naval Mechanics' School. The prosecuting attorney had recommended that all of the facts of the case be recognized and that Lieutenant-Commander Astiz be acquitted on the ground of "due obedience".

The court's decision to base the acquittal on lack of proof, rather than on the following of orders from Navy superior officers, may imply that the Astiz trial has not turned out to be the test case for the "due obedience" principle that had been expected.

The Supreme Council also dictated that the investigation of the Hagelin case will continue within an inquiry on the

Naval Mechanics' School detention centre.

Speaking outside the court, Mr Hagelin said that he was uncertain about what further investigation could mean, and feared that it may result in the case dragging on. He repeated that he was sceptical about the possibility of justice being achieved in the military courts.

Mr Hagelin claimed that the Astiz decision revealed a government policy of concealed amnesty for middle-level military officers accused of human rights violations.

The decision in the Astiz case comes a year after the initiation on April 22 1985 of public civilian trials of the military juntas that governed

Argentina from 1976 to 1982.

Three days before the Astiz trial decision was leaked, the Government sent instructions to Señor Hector Canale, the Prosecutor-General of the armed forces, confirming the principle of "due obedience".

This stance, rejected by human rights organizations, will absolve lower-ranking officers from prosecution, except in cases where they "knew the illicitness of the orders or carried out atrocities or aberrations", or departed from or exceeded orders.

Simultaneously, President Alfonsín on Thursday told ministers, congressional leaders and Supreme Court justices that he wants the military human rights trials speeded.

Lord Stockton blamed over fate of refugees

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

A book published in London yesterday accuses Lord Stockton, the former Conservative Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, of helping to send tens of thousands of Russians and Yugoslavs to death or imprisonment at the hands of Stalin and Tito.

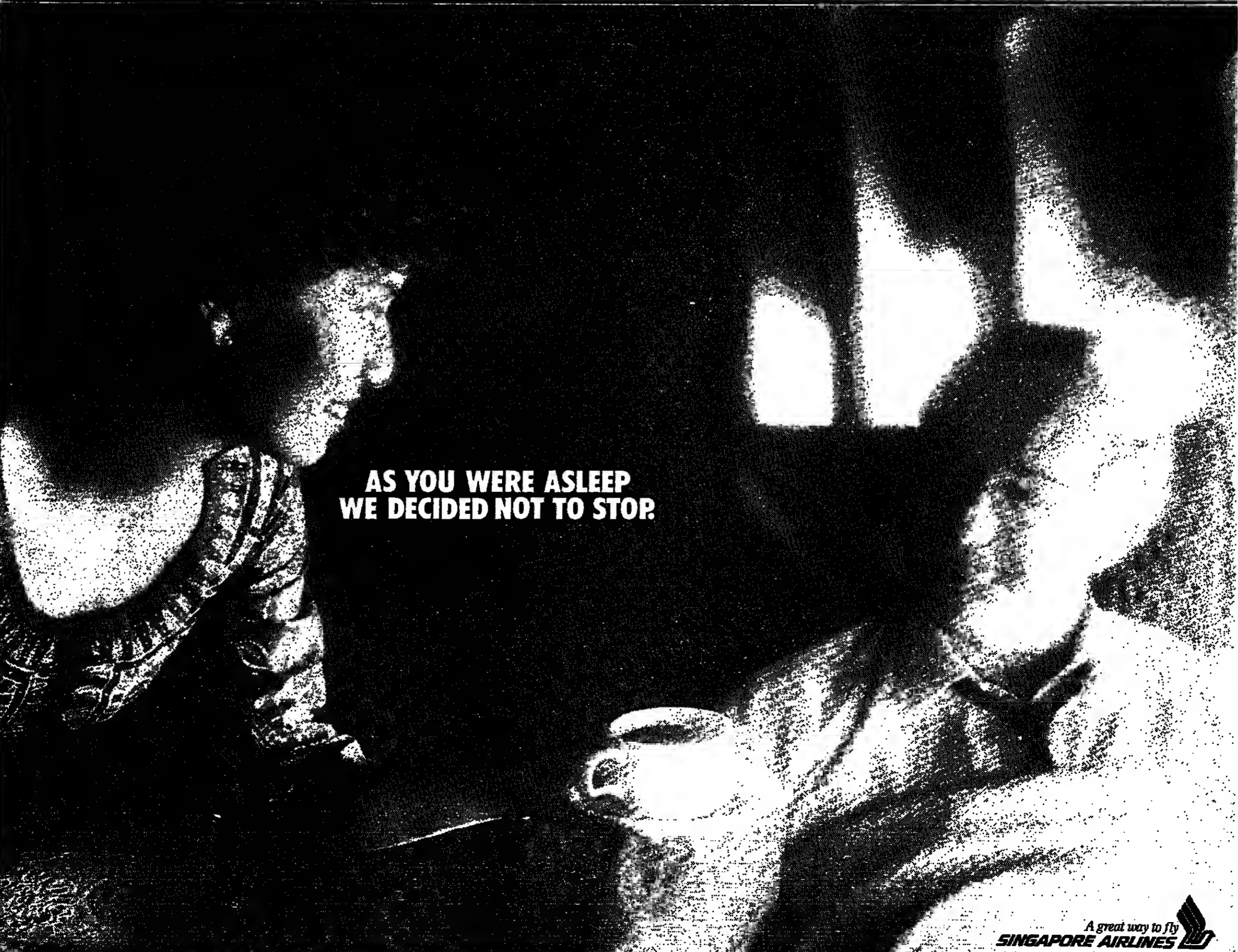
The book, *The Minister and the Massacres* by Nikolai Tolstoy, also claims that there is evidence that someone tampered with the official record of these events, mainly for the purpose of placing the blame on Field Marshal Lord Alexander.

A spokesman for Lord

Stockton said he would not be making any comment.

Mr Tolstoy, whose earlier book, *Victims of Yalta*, documented the Anglo-American agreement to return hundreds of thousands of Soviet refugees to Stalin at the end of the Second World War, says the decision to return 23,000 Yugoslavs to Tito was taken in defiance of orders from Churchill, the wartime Prime Minister.

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Senior men dismissed as Gandhi moves to crush party rebels

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has made an emphatic move against dissent within his Congress (I) Party by getting rid of four senior figures heading an incipient revolt against his authority.

If the wild game he has shot are donkeys rather than lions, the noise of gunfire is hoped to be a sufficient warning to other, more powerful beasts who may have been thinking of moving against him. For the four, although admittedly senior in the party, have little personal power base.

The most notable, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, who has been expelled from the party for six years, was the most senior Cabinet minister under Mrs Indira Gandhi, and his hopes to have succeeded her are often said to have caused a major falling-out with her son.

Mr Mukherjee was not included in Mr Gandhi's first Cabinet, and has since been increasingly excluded from central politics. He has, however, never won an election; his place in Parliament came through indirect election to the upper house from a state which was not his own.

The three punished with him, who receive the lesser sentence of suspension, are Mr Sripratap Mishra, who was briefly Chief Minister of the most populous state of the Indian union, Uttar Pradesh, but whose sacking there has passed largely unremarked; Mr A.P. Sharma, a former trade unionist and Governor of Bengal who was removed after falling out with the left-front government there; and Mr Prakash Mehrotra, a former High Commissioner in London, who was replaced under a cloud and was described to me yesterday as "a political zero".

Sikh militants renew Punjab killings

Chandigarh (Reuter) - Sikh extremists have renewed their offensive in Punjab state, killing three people, including a politician from Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Gunmen also tried to kill a Hindu militant leader in a crowded Amritsar bazaar. He escaped, but his bodyguard was killed and two people wounded in a gun battle. The third victim was a Sikh temple guard.

The politician, Mr Sant Singh, aged 40, was shot dead by two Sikh extremists who escaped on a motorcycle.

Though none of these four has much political support in his home state, they represent a number of disenchanted figures who do have considerable backing.

Mr Gandhi, in his campaign to change the face of Indian politics, reform the Congress Party, and bring the country into the 21st century, has pushed to the sidelines a number of prominent men, including the corrupt, the incompetent, the elderly and the politically awkward or ideologically hostile.

There are now a number of such men under-employed and bearing a grudge against Mr Gandhi or his young and abrasive colleagues.

Mr Mukherjee named a few of them in an interview he gave to a Bombay magazine, the final straw leading to his expulsion from the party.

They represent themselves as Indira loyalists and as the "true" Congress, and include Mr Jagannath Mishra, a former Chief Minister from Bihar who was ousted by Mr Gandhi but who has continued to murmur against his successor, Mr Gunda Rao from Karnataka, whose chief ministership there was surrounded by such an atmosphere of corruption that Congress lost two elections to the state assembly; Mr Madhavsingh Solanki, who as Chief Minister of Gujarat put together a coalition of interests

which won Congress the elections easily, but which set off an agitation and eventually communal violence he was unable to control; and Mr V.C. Shukla, who as Information Minister during Mrs Gandhi's emergency was responsible for the dragging of the press and expulsion of foreign correspondents.

For all these men, and for many others like them, Mr Mukherjee and his friends represent an object lesson. Mr Gandhi intends to show that dissidence will be harshly treated.

"In a large country like ours," explained a government figure sympathetic to Mr Gandhi, "the central Government must be strong and it must appear to be strong. If dissident voices are allowed to be heard, they will weaken the image of the Government."



Sandinista soldiers wounded in fighting against US-backed Contra rebels relax in front of a military hospital at Apanas, 110 miles north-east of Managua. Nicaragua said yesterday it had inflicted more than 1,000 casualties on the Contras since the beginning of this year, while those suffered by its own forces - mainly in the north - totalled not more than 300.

Cheers as High Court judge cleared

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, the Australian High Court judge convicted last year of attempting to pervert the course of justice and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, was yesterday acquitted by a jury at his retrial.

The public gallery at the Central Criminal Court applauded as the jury's verdict was announced, bringing to an end more than two years of proceedings against the na-

tion's third highest judicial officer. Amid the cheers, there were tears and cries of "Good on you, Lionel!"

Mr Justice Murphy, aged 63, described the verdict as a vindication of the jury system. He declined, however, to say whether he will resume his place on the High Court bench.

He stood down in 1984 amid allegations of serious misconduct which led to two parliamentary inquiries and finally to his indictment. But, even

after being sentenced to a prison term last September, he refused to resign.

A former Attorney-General in Mr Gough Whitlam's Labor Government, Mr Justice Murphy's appointment to the High Court in 1975 was not popular with the Opposition and, although the Liberals yesterday refused to comment on his acquittal, they may yet seek to re-open parliamentary proceedings to remove him.

Speaking for the Hawke Government, Senator Gareth

Evans, called on the Opposition not to pursue further the allegations, which he said had been dealt with comprehensively and fairly.

Charges against Mr Justice Murphy stemmed from claims by a district court judge and a senior magistrate that he attempted to influence the criminal proceedings against Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor, Mr Ryan, a friend of Mr Justice Murphy, was facing charges of forgery and conspiracy.

Human torch protest in Seoul

Seoul (Reuter) - Two students yesterday soaked themselves with petrol and set themselves ablaze in an anti-government demonstration by about 250 Seoul National University students.

Witnesses said the two climbed to the roof of a three-storey building before pouring petrol over themselves. They threatened to set themselves alight if police approached and did so as police drew near.

One was further injured when he jumped from the roof to avoid being arrested. Both were reported to be critically ill in hospital with extensive burns.

Yesterday's incidents followed clashes on Sunday in the central city of Cheongju where more than 1,000 students attacked ranks of riot police after an opposition political rally.

The students were dispersed by tear gas. Police claimed the protest was thwarted and 123 left-wing students were arrested.

Mr Lee Young Chang, the metropolitan police chief, said police arrested the students as they tried to assemble near the university library to occupy it.

The students were protesting against their scheduled military training. President Chun, and US support for him.

Protest at Paraguay beatings

Bonn (Reuter) - West Germany will make a formal protest to Paraguay over an incident yesterday in which a West German diplomat and two German journalists were beaten by Paraguayan police, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced.

The diplomat, Herr Armin Steuer, said he was taken to police headquarters with a four-man television crew after they had filmed a rally in Asuncion by the banned Liberal Radical Authentic Party.

Herr Steuer said that he and Nikolaus Bredner and Peter Wendt, West German journalists, and Antonio Valin and Eduardo Johnson, Argentine journalists, were beaten with clubs.

The demonstration, calling for more political freedom, was the latest in a rare outburst of protest against the dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, who has ruled the republic since 1954.

Poll fraud warning by Awami

Dhaka - Sheikh Hasina Wazed, the Bangladesh Opposition leader, has threatened to storm the Parliament building here if her Awami League is deprived through rigging of an electoral victory next month (Ahmed Fazi writes).

Sheikh Hasina, addressing a rally in the southern town of Pirojpur, expressed fears that the Government would use its influence to hijack ballot boxes and manipulate results in favour of the Janiya Party in the May 7 elections. "In that case I shall declare my candidates winners and lay siege to the Parliament building with my supporters," she said.

President Ershad has said that the Opposition fears are unfounded.

An Election Commission spokesman said 1,527 candidates were contesting the election, which would pave the way for civilian rule after more than four years of martial law.

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Spanish bishops warn against dominance of the Socialist Party

Spain's Roman Catholic bishops have warned of the risks for democracy if the ruling Socialist Party consolidates a dominant position in society.

Urging a pluralistic society, the bishops disapprove of a single Christian Democrat party claiming to represent all Catholics, preferring to urge the faithful to play a full yet critical role, both individually and collectively, in Spanish society.

The Role of the Catholics in Public Life, a 60-page document just made public, is the most important policy statement to come from Spain's Catholic Church since the bishops, led by Cardinal Tarancon, helped to re-establish democracy after abandoning the privileged role given them by the Franco regime.

"Whenever one political group attains hegemonic power, the temptation becomes almost inevitable to consolidate that power permanently and to remodel the whole of

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

society, and even citizens' minds, according to the group's own way of life and own criteria," the bishops said.

They protested about what they saw as the "excessive presence" of the state in the key decision-making centres of the economy, the media, especially publicly-run television, the judiciary, and even in culture.

The document, although more than two years in preparation, will inevitably have immediate political impact after the calling by Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, of general elections on June 22.

Presenting the policy document, Mr José Setien, Bishop of San Sebastian, said that the Church's new position emphasized both the Catholics' moral commitment and critical acceptance of modern society.

"The absence of ethical values makes political manipulation the more easy," he said. "This is happening be-

cause of an excessive politicization, a trend towards the state taking over society in a totalitarian manner, even though democratic forms are preserved."

The bishops in another passage warn Catholics active in politics against putting their party's interest before those of the general good, but they also seek to combat today's popular cynicism about the politicians.

The Socialist Government has stayed silent about the document, keenly aware many of its voters at the 1982 general elections were Catholics, and reckoning that today few Catholics follow blindly whatever the bishops say.

But those political parties of the centre-right, depressed by the prospect of another Socialist victory at the polls in eight weeks' time, now have reason to feel the Church smiles on their endeavours to provide Spain with an alternative government, if not this year then at subsequent general elections.

Peres hint of anxiety about Jordan

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, has confirmed that what he calls "quiet diplomacy" with Jordan is continuing - prompting speculation here that he is worried that King Hussein is preparing to move closer to Syria.

Although the disclosure has caused no surprises in Israel, it appears that Mr Peres - who rarely says anything without an ulterior motive - is worried that the King is flirting

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

with the idea of rejecting Israel's right to exist.

Mr Peres made his comments during a weekend television educational programme. There was, he freely admitted, no tangible breakthrough in secret discussions with Jordan, which were "characterized by mutual understanding more than by agreement".

The Prime Minister went out of his way to praise the fact that the King had broken off

political contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization on February 19.

But sources here think the King has been discouraged by the lack of support from Palestinians in the occupied territories, and that has led him to move closer to the Syrian position of total rejection of Israel.

The fact that Mr Taher Kanan, the Jordanian minister responsible for the territories, was dismissed at the weekend is seen as proof

'Miracle' babies unscathed but mothers' nightmare goes on

Fears still haunt rescued victims

From John Carlin, Mexico City

The vacant, unconcerned minds of the babies who survived the worst of Mexico City's devastating earthquake last year have apparently brushed off the effects of the catastrophe. Many of the adults, however, look as though they will be damaged for life.

The 40 or so "miracle" babies, who were buried under the earthquake-flattened buildings and lived, are reported by doctors to be showing no signs of mental trauma. The same cannot be said for those mothers buried with them.

Señora Hortensia Hernández's sixth baby, Guadalupe, was born at 3.35 am on

September 19 1985. At 7.19 am the 8.3 Richter-scale tremors began, lasting more than a minute. Señora Hernández, aged 28, was lying in bed at Mexico City's General Hospital with Guadalupe, not yet four hours old, asleep by her.

"It's the end of the world, I thought to myself. But funny enough, you know, I was surprisingly calm and unafraid. Well, here I'm going to die, I thought. There's nothing I can do about it."

Señora Hernández, who was on the fifth floor of the hospital, said she heard screams and windows cracking and saw the beds in her ward crashing into each other.

"I fell to the floor, clutching the baby. I saw the ceiling cave in, then everything went dark. It was only then that I started to get really frightened."



Señora Hernández with Guadalupe, who shared her ordeal. Her eye is permanently bandaged, but otherwise all her limbs and internal organs are in working order.

Mentally, however, she has undergone what a psychiatrist calls "an infantile regression". She does not talk, she whimpers. And every time she sees her doctor, to whom she is as devoted as a newborn child to its mother, she kisses his hand and weeps.

Mexico after the quake Part 2

Doctors and psychologists have found the same pattern over and over: the babies are healthy in mind and body, the mothers are in serious need of psychiatric help.

One of the saddest cases to have emerged from the tragedy is that of a young seamstress in her mid-twenties who was buried for eight days under the rubble of the factory where she worked. No adult was buried longer and survived.

The young woman, whose name her doctor does not wish to be published, was already a widow with three children before the earthquake.

When the tremors began she had just arrived at work and was with her new boy friend. As the masonry collapsed around them, she fainted, the boy friend held her up,

then fell protectively on top of her. He was killed and she had to spend the remainder of her ordeal with his body decomposing beside her.

Today the young seamstress spends her days and nights in bed, only half alive, in a hospital run by nuns. Physically she suffered damage to her eye. She lost an eyelid, a part of the body that doctors say cannot heal or be replaced.

Diplomats fail to get quick end to Gulf row

Bahrain (Reuters) - A diplomatic shuttle worn on between the Gulf neighbours Qatar and Bahrain yesterday to try to resolve their dispute over the ownership of a coral reef.

On Saturday, Qatar seized 29 men - including two Britons, two Thais, a Dutchman and, it is thought, 24 Filipinos working at the Façat al-Dibel reef on a defence project funded by the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), to which both states belong.

A Bahrain-based tug near the reef was forced to retreat by machine-gun fire from Qatari helicopters.

The Dutch Embassy in Kuwait yesterday sent an envoy to the Qatari capital of Doha, where the workers were being held, to try to secure their release.

Mr Yousef bin Alawi, Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, flew to Doha and Bahrain as part of diplomatic moves by GCC allies to settle the affair. "We are trying to acquaint ourselves with both viewpoints in the hope of restoring the situation to what it used to be," he said in Bahrain before flying home.

Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia's Defence Minister, visited both capitals yesterday, but diplomatic sources said he apparently made little progress in reconciling the two sides.

In Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, the Foreign Minister, warned the incident might affect all GCC states if it is not contained.

The British Embassy in Bahrain named the two Britons as Mr Richard Thompson, married with a family in Bahrain, and Mr Brian Davies, a bachelor.

Gloomy augury by Greek bank chief

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek Government will have to back its austerity programme with stimulation of free market forces to move the nation out of the economic doldrums, its top economic mentor said yesterday.

Mr Dimitris Chalikias, Governor of the Bank of Greece, painted a gloomy picture of the Greek economy in his annual report.

He urged the Government to lift the ban on massive layoffs, switch from automatic wage indexation to productivity bonuses, end price controls to spur investments, and abolish tax immunity - for instance, for farmers - to bridge gaping public deficits.

The Government's "stabilization" programme, involving a 15 per cent devaluation, curbs on wages and restrictions on imports, introduced in October, has already brought the ruling Socialists into conflict with their own labour base. It unleashed a spate of strikes, as inflation soared by 25 per cent in 1985 and increases in pay were frozen.

Mr Chalikias said these measures were not sufficient to cope with the structural weaknesses of the economy.

"They should be supplemented with structural policies to ensure a more efficient functioning of markets, strengthen economic incentives, increase saving, encourage business investment, and enhance export orientation," he said.

The governor of the central bank, who is appointed by the

Zamyatin takes up UK post

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the Kremlin's chief spokesman on international affairs for the past eight years, arrives in London today to take over as Soviet Ambassador to Britain.

His appointment is a key part of the current Soviet propaganda drive in Western Europe, where Moscow is trying to expand its political influence and drum up support for recent arms control initiatives by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

Mr Zamyatin, a former head of Tass news agency, is a fluent English speaker and an experienced performer before the press and television. He is certain to adopt a much higher public profile than recent Soviet ambassadors in London have done.

He will also bring greater authority to the post. He is the first Soviet ambassador to London in decades to be a full member of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

However, in terms of Kremlin power politics, his appointment is at best a sideways move, and possibly even a demotion. He is seen as being part of the Kremlin "old guard" who are being moved aside to make way for Gorbachov appointees.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Somalia: Abdulla Rage Taraweh

By Caroline Moorehead

Abdulla Rage Taraweh, a well-known Somali poet, has been in detention, without charge or trial, for the past four years.

He is thought at present to be held in solitary confinement in the National Security Service regional prison in Mogadishu - known as "The Hole" to its inmates. As in other Somali jails, conditions are exceptionally harsh and medical facilities poor.

Abdulla Rage Taraweh was working at the Ministry of Information and National Guidance, responsible for the staging of theatre, dancing, music and poetry, when he was arrested unexpectedly in 1982. Though the authorities have given no reason for his arrest, he is reported to have been accused of expressing anti-government opinions in his poetry.

He is being held under the Preventive Detention Law of 1970, which provides for the detention of suspected opponents of the Government. There is no limit to how long he can now be kept, without charge or trial.

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Wrapped up in South Pacific style

The once simple wrap-around skirt is now gaining a new and sophisticated designer image

It is a long way from the shores of a South Sea island to the hips of fashionable society, but that is the journey that the sarong has made since it first appeared as a primitive native covering.

The sarong skirt is the newest shape to emerge below the waist in a season where trousers have overwhelmed high fashion's short tight skirts. But it is the international designers themselves who have come up with the wrap skirt and made it with a panache — and at a price — that would stun the South Pacific.

In its original form the sarong was nothing more than a straight length of fabric lapping the body and tucked or tied at the waist. In different forms, it is worn as a skirt, looped between the legs like a giant nappy, or tied in a loose halter across the breasts. It was worn by both men and women throughout the Malay archipelago, but its extended family of dress includes the smaller East African kanga with its framed central image and the Indian dhoti cloth.

The beauty of the original sarongs, especially those from Indonesia, is in the strong but subtle prints made in rich patterns and fabrics with hand-block printing or batik. Border patterns, more traditional paisley motifs or bolder Gauguin-style flowers give an extra dimension to the flat cloth.

The designer sarongs are cut into a shape, so that they are curved at the back or made as a more regular skirt with a drape of fabric across the front. The folds then fall in a controlled way and preserve the modesty of the western wearer who might otherwise find her improvised tie skirt falling apart.

The first designers to make something of the sarong were Giorgio Armani, who wrapped his skirts like a bath towel, Ralph Lauren, who has made the sarong in printed cottons as well as denim, and Gianni Versace, who made wrap skirts in suede and velvet. Rifat Ozbek and Romeo Gigli have also made the skirts in heavier weight wools and jerseys to take them even further away from the sun-kissed shores of a paradise isle.

The American Donna Karan is the designer who has put the sarong skirt on the fashion map. She took a length of jersey — wool or silk — wrapped it and knotted it in a way that made sophisticated New York style out of what was essentially a peasant garment. Stretchy jersey in wool or shiny viscose have made her look, although it now comes in silvers of satin and silk for evening.

Donna Karan also solved the problem of what to wear with the wrap skirts apart from bare breasts and a lei of flowers. She took a body suit, made from the stretchy jersey, and fastened it between the legs like camiknickers. This gives a sleek silhouette, wheth-



Above: Dark green batik print cotton shirt, £225, brocade jacket made from patterned stripes of cotton and rayon, £135. Seaweed green batik print sarong skirt, £195, all from Yohji Yamamoto, 6 Sloane Street, SW1.

Centre: Oyster coloured silk wrap-over body suit, £340. Knitted rayon sarong skirt, £265, brushed silver beads, £285, brooch, £180, Donna Karan, at Browns, South Molton Street.

Above right: Purple and green African print rayon shirt, £190, matching sarong skirt, £102, Purple cotton halter-neck bra, £87.50 all by Jean Paul Gaultier for Bogys, from Jones, 71 Kings Road and 13 Floral Street, WC2. Black disc earrings from a selection by Pure Fabrication at Hyper-Hyper, Kensington High Street.

Below right: Red cotton sateen jacket, £180. Green wrap-over sarong skirt, £72. Red cotton leaf-print vest, £34 all by Benedetto from Liberty, Regent Street, W1, Joannes Tent, Fulham Road, SW6, Victoria James, 3 Balgore Square, Glouster Park, Essex, Chal, Edinburgh.

er the skirt is knotted tightly or slung low down on the hips. It also has the advantage of leaving you perfectly dressed should your skirt slip unexpectedly to the floor while lurching at Harry's Bar.

Jean-Paul Gaultier has a different way of covering the traditionally naked top half. As the ever-useful halved coconut shells are difficult to find in western capitals, Gaultier makes them instead in fabric as a sturdy bra to wear under a loose shirt.

Aiso on the wild side are the sarongs in printed cottons taken raw from the native look. The Japanese designers Yohji Yamamoto and Issey Miyake, who understand the two-dimensional oriental fashion based on fabric rather than shape, make wrap skirt outfits with a kimono-sleeved jacket worn on top.

But the wrap skirt makes its best contribution to spring and summer fashion when it is worn with a tailored jacket. The soft and sharp effect has always been popular with British women, who will find the folds of the sarong as flattering as a gathered skirt

but following the slim lines currently in fashion.

For the moment the sarong shapes are at top price levels, although the sophisticated styles will be in the high streets by next season.

Manufacturers are also starting to turn out cheap and cheerful sarongs for holiday wear that will land back on the beaches that spawned them.

A more controversial feature of native dress is contained in the sumptuous exhibition of Paisley fabrics at the Commonwealth Institute. The familiar tear-drop shape, long held to be a fertility symbol, represents sperm according to Paul Taylor and Ron Simpson, whose collection of rich fabrics and clothing fills the Art Gallery.

The Blossoming of the Male Flower is their interpretation of the Paisley botch, which was printed and woven into cloth in the Scottish town that gave Paisley its name. The exhibition proves how well the patterned cloths were adapted to western dress, including elaborate waistcoats.

The Paisley Botch is at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 until May 25.



Hair by Rané Gelston for Schumi. Make-up by Ariane.

Photographs by Tony McGee

Right as rainfall

April showers demand a fresh look at macs. The raincoat has replaced the spring coat as a lightweight cover-up for the so-called warm season. The newest raincoats peel off like an onion skin for the sun.

The feather-light fabrics look as fine as parachute silk — and the most expensive are made from treated silk that gives them an elegance and sheen. Nylon is a more affordable, material, or perhaps fine proofed cotton.

1 Lightweight olive green nylon trench coat, £54.99 from Next For Men, South Molton Street, W1 and branches.

2 Cream three-quarter length raincoat in 100 per cent treated silk, £200 by MexMara from Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1; Scrippes, Baschurch Place, SW1; Alicia Kne in Sheffield, Nottingham and Doncaster.

3 Shiny, pearlised raincoat in cotton and polyurethane, £95 by Skymode from Fenwick's, New Bond Street, W1

4 Bold floral patterned coat in rainproofed cotton, £188 by Sportmax from Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1; Liberty's, Regent Street, W1 and Singer, Marylebone High Street.

Illustrations by Joyce Macdonald



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Naked jape

The eminent Professor of Morbid Anatomy at the University of London thought it would be great sport to send a birthday gorillagram to the secretary of the Royal College of Pathologists.

● We have, it seems, an Agriculture Ministry that can't tell an animal from a tree. The hand-out accompanying John Gummer's statement on the EEC farm price settlement persists in giving the name of a female sheep as "yew".

On ice

A murder bunt in London is being hampered because workers at Southwark Marquary refuse to allow the victim's body to be examined for fear of their contracting Aids.

El Jonesville

Following the example of Nigeria and Brazil, Argentina is planning to move its capital to the middle of nowhere. I can reveal that President Alfonsín wants to move his government to the heart of the Patagonian wastelands to the Rio Negro valley.

BARRY FANTONI



'I've just signed him up for Rambo Goes Picking Flowers'

Outlaw

Lord Whitlaw, Doing his bit for the Tory party's West Derbyshire by-election campaign, he roped into the village of 'Outlaw'. After buying a haggis, he dropped in on the third anniversary party celebrations of a hub for housebound pensioners.

War and pieces

'Yesterday's publication of Nikolai Tolstoy's book, The Minister and the Massacres, which claims that Harold Macmillan played a big part in the handing over after the war of 400,000 Cossacks and White Russians to the Soviet Union, is not quite the event its publishers hoped. At the request of The Observer, which planned a major feature on Sunday, review copies were held back until the weekend.

When prices fall, so can banks

Tim Congdon suggests a disturbing topic for next week's Tokyo economic summit

Price stability is universally recognized to be a desirable economic objective. But no one should believe that falling prices are a good thing. Starting though it may seem after a generation of continuous inflation, major industrial nations will this year record declines in their main price indices.

In the United States the producer price index has fallen heavily in each of the last three months, bringing the change in the year to March to minus 1.3 per cent. However, the consumer price index still registers an increase of over 2 per cent. Outside the three big economies there have been few actual declines in price indices, but typically inflation rates are lower than at any time since the late 1960s.

is nevertheless necessary, if only to help comparison with the past, to consider what might precipitate a self-feeding deflationary process. In the US of the 1930s the main mechanism of destruction was a fall in prices which ruined over-borrowed companies, leaving banks with expensive loan losses and forcing them out of business.

Robert Fisk reports on Libyan action against Palestinian terrorist cells

Tripoli The Palestinians in Libya's capital discovered that things were not quite the same any more when a squad of plain-clothed security police turned up at their dingy offices three days after the American air raid.



It was a revolutionary committee in Benghazi that kidnapped the Italian bishop of Tripoli on April 10 and it was a revolutionary committee that controlled the Libyan satellite station these past two weeks, censoring foreign television film of 'bomb-damage' scenes that had already been passed by government authorities.

Why Gadaffi must chain the monster

In theory, Jalloud remains the "co-ordinator" of the Palestinian movements within Tripoli. But Colonel Gadaffi's personal control over the "General Arab Command" - the 55-man umbrella group which comprises all the more extreme Palestinians, including Abu Nidal's brutal organization - is now in dispute.

The struggle between pragmatists and theorists in the leadership has been going on for at least four years. It is a conflict between administrators (even leaders of the People's Congresses) who understand the working of a modern state and its dependence on a stable economy, and those militia men - the praetorian guard of Gadaffi's revolutionary committees - whose allegiance has always been to his concept of a revolutionary, anti-Western society.

Yet it is significant that it was the European sanctions against Libya that appeared to affect most deeply the working of the regime. The possibility is that Libya may after all not have any friends left around the Mediterranean, let alone in the rest of the world.

Digby Anderson Academe's pact with the devil

As the universities await the May announcement of reductions in state funding, the medical faculties face a problem that neatly illustrates the impasse confronting enterprising and responsible university members. Their problem is not that portrayed to the much-publicized whines of their enterprising and irresponsible colleagues about "cuts" and government "interference". It is that the government is both reducing its state funding and interfering with their entrepreneurial attempts to win funds from other sources.

moreover Miles Kington

Lofty view from Bradley Vale

Next month's by-election at Bradley Vale (writes our Next Month's By-election Correspondent) could prove the most vital for the government since the last one. Bradley Vale is a typical constituency of the kind that the Tories must win if they are to stay in power, that Labour must take if they are to win the next election, and that the SDP must win if they are to have any chance of survival.

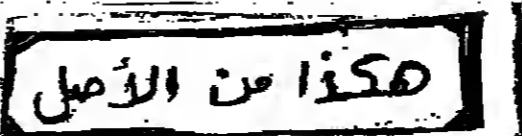
Myself, I'd usually rather be me

What song the Syrians sang is not a puzzling question at all, old Thos Browne, when you think about it. It must have been the well-known hymn, "Rock of Ages". That was a joke. I have just invented a type-face, like italics but leaning backwards, called ramesis, to indicate that a joke is being attempted, and to ask thick readers with no sense of humour not to write in with questions or suggestions.

Training Scheme". You are allowed to complain that it sounds ugly and is incorrectly derived from its original Greek root. But make sure that you are not complaining just because it is new, and remember that judgements about what sounds ugly are subjective. There is an obvious linguistic need for such a noun. If you can invent a better and more euphonious one, introduce it.

The second conventional use of reflexive pronouns is to emphasize, in opposition to a noun or pronoun, and with heavy stress. Unlike the basic reflexive pronouns, they can float around their clauses. I myself wouldn't eat that. I wouldn't eat that. Do you mean to say that you had cocktails with the Queen herself?

Philip Howard



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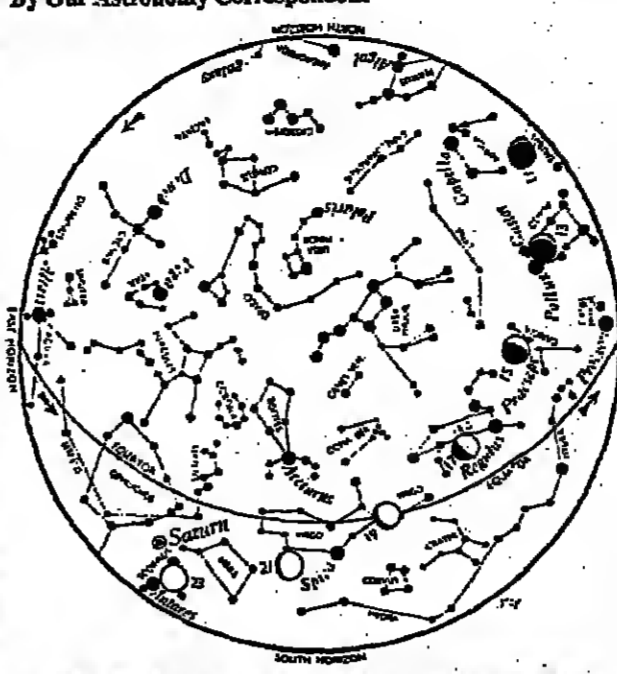
Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr John Johnson to be British High Commissioner to Kenya...

Meetings Royal Over-Sea League Mrs Mairi Radcliffe presided at a meeting of the discussion circle...

The night sky in May

By Our Astronomy Correspondent



Mercury will be in superior conjunction on the 23rd and is unlikely to be seen this month... Venus is a bright evening star setting about two hours after the Sun...

The light evenings have arrived. At the beginning of the month, the star Spica (Sun 12deg below the horizon) will have ended by 21h... Leo is one of the very ancient constellations of the Zodiac...

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OBITUARY DR HERMANN GMEINER

Founder of international children's villages

Dr Herman Gmeiner, founder of the international charity, SOS Children's Villages, died on April 26. He was 66. Hermann Gmeiner was born on June 23, 1919. His father was a farmer and his mother, Angelika, died when he was a young child...

MR HERBERT CARR

Mr Herbert Carr, former headmaster of Harrogate Grammar School and a prominent mountaineer, died on April 23, aged 89. Born on July 16, 1896, he was educated at St Paul's School and Pembroke College, Oxford...

PROFESSOR MIRCEA ELIADE

Professor Mircea Eliade, the historian of religions whose work on Yoga is one of the most authoritative books on the subject, died in Chicago on April 22. He was 79. He achieved worldwide prominence as a writer in the broad field of comparative religion...

MR RUPERT TAYLOR

Mr Rupert Taylor, OBE, TD, one of the architects of the hospital dental service at the inception of the National Health Service, died on April 4, aged 80. An Irishman, educated in Waterford, he trained at the Royal Dental Hospital, London...

LADY RENTON

Lady Renton, who rendered distinguished service to the disabled through her chairmanship of DEMAND (Design and Manufacture for Disability) and her presidency of GLAD (Greater London Association for Disabled People), died on April 24 at the age of 62. Born in 1923 she had served as a VAD nurse during the Second World War...

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Anberbach, 55; Sir John Cox, 86; Rear-Admiral R.A. Currie, 81; Miss Brenda Dean, 43; Sir Patrick Hill, 56; Miss Zizi Jeannaire, 62; Sir John Llewellyn, 71; Mr Rod McKuen, 53; Mr Zubio Mehta, 50; Sir Fraser Noble, 68; the late Jacob Rothschild, 80; Rudolf Schwarz, 81; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, 57; Mr David Tindie, 54; Sir Peter Youens, 70; Mr Fred Zinneman, 79.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. M. Adams-Cairns and Miss P. J. Russell The engagement is announced between the late Mr Adams-Cairns and Miss P. J. Russell... Mr G. J. Brodie and Miss C. J. Tolli The engagement is announced between Mr G. J. Brodie and Miss C. J. Tolli...

Marriages

Mr G. G. Davison and Miss L. W. M. Barker The marriage took place on Saturday, April 26, at All Saints, Sturbridge, of Mr Guy Hertz Davison, only son of the late Dr Guy Davison and of Mrs Richard Furber, and stepson of Mr Richard Furber, of Nizels, Hildenborough, Kent, and Miss Lucy Barker, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Barker, of the Rectory, Wilby, Suffolk... Mr J. H. M. MacKinnon and Miss A. Fairwood The engagement is announced between Mr J. H. M. MacKinnon and Miss A. Fairwood...

Deaths and In Memoriam

PAER - On 21st April, Howard W. in the USA, aged 79. Formerly Senior Executive of the Exxon Corporation... HOSKINS - On April 27th 1986, peacefully after a long illness, Jeanette Felles Hoskins, aged 72, wife of the late Mr J. H. Hoskins... JOY - On April 28th peacefully at home after a long illness, Mrs Joan Joyce, aged 76, wife of the late Mr J. Joyce...

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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April is here

THE ARTS

Television Figuring it out

As far as their knowledge of mathematics is concerned, British schoolchildren arrive in the technological age...

The cause of this failure was investigated. Why should scaffolders, who can competently solve problems of three-dimensional geometry...

Scientists in Britain and the United States have begun to study the process by which children acquire mastery of numbers. Their research enables much patient exploration of the mental processes of children under five...

From this knowledge a new dawn in maths education was predicted. At the De Beauvoir School in Islington juniors are taught maths by methods which are designed to increase their creativity and motivation...

Celia Brayfield

Galleries

London denied the chance of joyful learning

Stéphane Mallarmé and His Artist Friends Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter

Richard Walter Sickert Norwich School of Art

The Hidden Face of Manet Courtauld Institute Galleries

Rich though London usually is in good and varied art shows (though this year does not look much like living up to the splendours of last), there is at least one kind which used to be a regular part of metropolitan fare...

Two unusually interesting exhibitions out of town at the moment fulfil these criteria, though happily there is also one shining example in London...

In Exeter, at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum until May 17, is a fine and enterprising show on the subject of Stéphane Mallarmé and His Artist Friends. Why Mallarmé, one might ask, for there does not seem to be any particular topical or local peg on which to hang him...

You do not need to be in any sense a specialist to enjoy Berthe Morisot's dainty of water-lilies, so close to Mallarmé's own description, or Lucien Pissarro's nursery-rhyme

watercolours, or Manet's tiny sketches for L'Après-midi d'un jeune let alone his darkly expressive illustrations for The Raven...

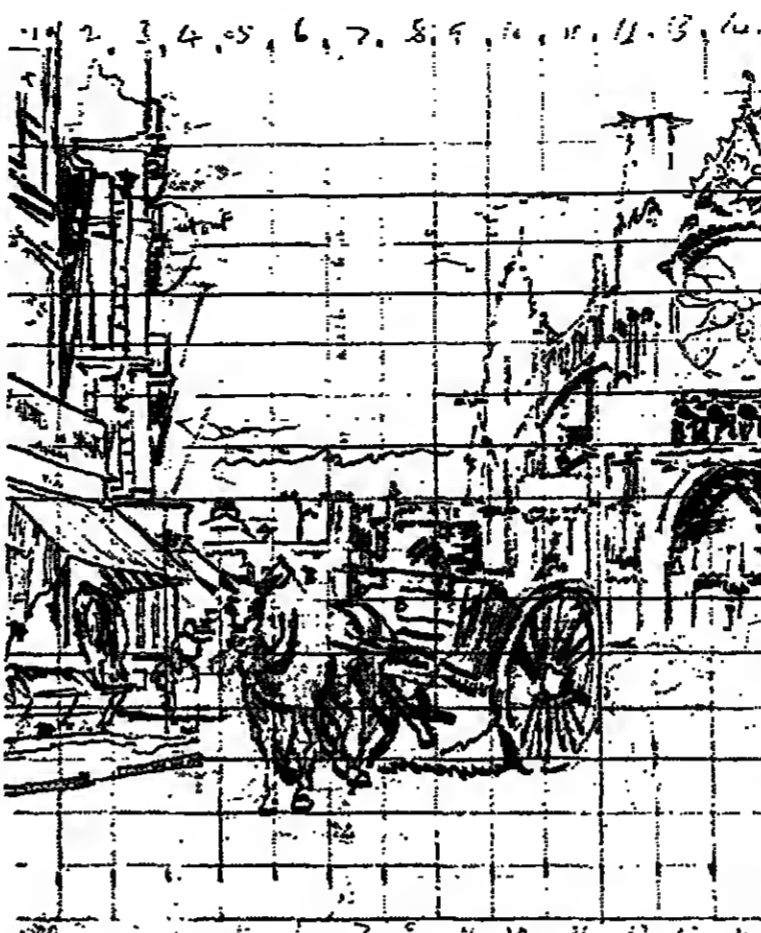
A very slightly greater degree of curiosity about Mallarmé's world will be pleasingly and unexpectedly satisfied by a collection of caricature or semi-caricature portraits of many of the principal figures from the pages of Les Hommes d'aujourd'hui...

In Norwich, at the gallery of the School of Art, is a show which should by rights be somewhere in London: Richard Walter Sickert puts on display until May 24 almost the whole of the Sickert Trust Collection belonging to Islington Libraries...

Paintings like the Baltimore Café-concert, with its improvisatory dash and vigour, or the Burrell Collection Le Jambon, simple and monumental, may look as though they were painted in one go, but instead prove to have been exhaustively pondered over...

Too specialized, too soft-soft, for London? That is what they seem to have been saying lately. That is what they say, even, about the failure up to now of the wonderful Alfred Gilbert show at the Royal Academy...

Back in London we can find the same sort of show, on a rather grander scale, at the Courtauld Institute



Galleries, where until June 15, thanks to the sponsorship of The Burlington Magazine (the April number of which also contains the catalogue) we are shown The Hidden Face of Manet...

Fascinating glimpse of Sickert's way of working from squared-up sketch to canvas in St Jacques, Dieppe, The Facades and Manet's tiny sketches for Mallarmé's L'Après-midi d'un jeune

Concerts

Out of character

LPO/Eschenbach Festival Hall

One minor mystery of this London Philharmonic Orchestra season is why Christoph Eschenbach is set on conducting flamboyant French, Russian and Slavonic pieces when nearly every interpretative gesture he makes suggests he would be happier directing solid performances of mainstream Austro-German repertoire...

But Berlioz's Le Carnaval Romain Overture? This account was more pensive than party-like, at least in the cor anglais's preamble, and even at the saltarello's height more impressive for its lightweight neatness than for the customary evocation of giddy, gaudy gaiety...

Paradoxically, part of the problem is that Eschenbach tries so hard to invest individual phrases with expressive nuances. Consequently, long-term momentum is jeopardized. That was particularly evident in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5, a work which certainly does not require its emotional message writ any larger. In the opening movement Eschenbach lin-

gered over passages that really needed a passionate thrust onward. More frustrating still was his plan for the Andante cantabile: he worked the strings through their purple sequences with commendable zest, only to institute a diminuendo just before the natural climax. Subtleties like these Tchaikovsky does not need.

Yet Eschenbach is far better than the label of "pianist-turned-conductor" suggests. Where he concentrated on good ensemble and careful balance, as in the properly melancholic waltz, the orchestra played well for him. But elsewhere there was some coarse instrumental blending, and the solo horn had an unlucky evening.

Earlier Eschenbach had dutifully given us the opening orchestral ritornello of Chopin's First Piano Concerto in its entirety: quite a rare treat, if that is the right word. When James Tocco finally put digits to ivory he revealed an unpretentious but well-groomed technique, limited variation in tone, but plenty of ideas about rubato. The lack of sparkle in his passagework hardly made for a crackling Krakowiak of a finale, but he compensated with some lovely, half-veiled sonorities which chimed like distant bells at the heart of the Romanze.

Richard Morrison

Astonishing virtuosity

François Rabbath Wigmore Hall

Extraordinary is about the only word which seems adequate to describe the playing of the French double-bass virtuoso François Rabbath. It does not often happen that the marriage between his chosen instrument and its executant is as near perfect as this was; even the likes of Gary Karr often have trouble in the upper register which the solo player needs to exploit heavily, and patchy results are often masked with showmanship.

His show is helped by a genial style of presentation that one might think too casual until he starts to play. Naturally there were lashings of Gallic charm, but that did not detract from the fact of Rabbath's astonishing control over the sounds he made. Never have I heard the double bass sing as beautifully, and never have I encountered high harmonics, and indeed every sound-colour, produced so

confidently and (usually) perfectly.

If there was a catch to all of this it was that most of the music that Rabbath played (some of it in league with the pianist Susan Bradshaw) was his own, and intellectually challenging it is not. Even so, its very naivety - you might simply call it honesty - made it attractive.

There was, for instance, "Poucha Dass", a pastiche of Indian raga that authentically recreated the timbres of that genre, while the most touching piece of the evening was surely "L'Odysee d'eau", a vivid, blatantly propagandist work directed against the practice of whale-hunting. Then "Rebiba (Africaine)" vividly evoked a North African desert mirage, and the phenomenal exuberance of "Breiz" really did reach the realms of what one has hitherto thought physically impossible. Still more uncanny, though, was the mellifluous ease and deep understanding with which Rabbath gave the slow movements from two Bach Cello Suites. Now that really was something incredible.

Stephen Pettitt

Opera Massenet ventures out of his element

Hérodiade Teatro dell'Opera, Rome

The Teatro dell'Opera certainly cannot be accused of sticking to the war-horses of the Italian repertory; so far this season we have had strong-cast productions of Cherubini's Demofoon, Gluck's Iphigénie en Tauride and now Massenet's Hérodiade. This enjoyed a great success at its premiere in 1881 - predating Mamon by three years and Werther by 11 - but has latterly disappeared almost without trace; the Rome performances showed why.

Hérodiade is a four-act grand opera with a libretto based on Flaubert's treatment of the Salome story - Salome loves John the Baptist, who in this version loves her in return; Herod lusts after Salome, to the disgust of Herodias, who is however more concerned with the elimination of John, who has denounced her for her sinful ways.

This pseudo-biblical cocktail of revenge, sex and religion offered Massenet plenty of opportunities to create vivid characters locked in conflict, but he failed; Herodias is protagonist in name only, since her rage and cruelty lie outside Massenet's musical vocabulary. Similarly the crazed, necrotic Herod is a nonentity whose obsession with Salome is represented by a recurrent litting phrase which belongs more to the



Immaculate and very nearly convincing: José Carreras with Montserrat Caballé

cosy world of operetta. The big choruses strive for grandeur but remain simply grandiose; the lush orchestration tries to compensate in size for what it lacks in focus.

This leaves Salome and John as the centre of attention. Much of their music is vocally gratifying but rarely dramatic in any specific way, failing to rise above the level of generalized lyricizing. In short, the grand-opera format was precisely the opposite of what Massenet needed to fire his imagination; his peculiar talents were for the small-scale and the intimate.

Not surprisingly, the producer Antonio Calenda did not manage to turn Hérodiade into a vital or credible drama, although unnecessary moomooing was added by the fixed-columns-with-cyclorama set (Nicola Rubertelli and Mario di Pace) which forced all the action into the same unchanging centre-stage space. Gianluigi Gelmetti conducted *con brio*, but often encouraged the otherwise creditable orchestra to play too loudly.

Montserrat Caballé is nobody's idea of what Salome should look like, but it mattered much less in this opera than it would in Richard Strauss's. She started hesitantly and unevenly, improving to deliver some beautiful singing in the later scenes, the famous

London debuts Sociable tastes

OPOQ

OPOQ may suggest an alternative OPEC, but in fact identifies the Quattro Poole Oboe Quartet, whose London debut followed much touring elsewhere for the Couëtous of Munster Musical Trust. A sociable variety of taste included Schubert rubbing strollers with a kind of Gallic ragtime from Jean Fraoçaux, and Mozart with Ivor Navello, some 15 or so of whose show-tunes had been wowed by Mr Poole into a pleasantly nostalgic tapestry he called Starlight Rhapsody.

Whether as oboist or giving the cor anglais an uncommonly ebullient excursion in the Fraoçaux Quatuor, Mr Poole was over less than exemplary in technique and character.

His was a prima donna role in the oddly-named Cantata for oboe quartet by Oliver Knussen, and he was complemented by his string colleagues with a polished assurance that in Mozart and Schubert verged on blandness.

Reunited in 1981 after all had left the USSR, where they first formed 10 years ago, the Tchaikovsky Trio sounded at times wayward and over-driven. Beethoven's Op 1 No 1 was played with a suave veneration too sophisticated for the music's ingenuous character, and the breezy-tongued spirit of its finale was intensified to an often fierce and piano-dominated approach to Brahms's Op 101 in C minor.

Rock Joe Cocker Hammersmith Odeon

The vulnerability that accounts for so much that is great in Joe Cocker's bare-soul singing style has been translated in the past both to triumph, as with his stirring performance in the Woodstock film, and disaster, as when he fell over drunk on a Melbourne stage in 1972. Thus there is always a distinct sense of worry attached to the prospect of a Cocker concert, and his current album, a mish-mash of "tasteful" MOR tat, did little to allay such fears.

Unfortunately, the newest material was the most heavily featured, and did not prove the best vehicle for Cocker's variable talent. With a capable eight-piece band, and an unreliable sound mix, he strolled through pleasant mid-taste designer soul-struck rock numbers like "A to Z" and "Don't Drink the Water".

His face now looks as careworn as his gravelly voice has always sounded and, like Van Morrison, he is now an undisputed middle-aged performer who has left behind all the rock and roll trappings of his youth, except the gift of a marvellous voice. His awkward, thrusting arm-motions, for so long a barometer of the intensity of his delivery, have now been brought under control, but there was still a physicality to his performance as he stood stiff-backed with his belly thrust out. When he chose to recall the past, as with the carnival soul-stomp of "Feelin' Alright" or Dylan's boogie "Watchin' the River Flow", it was strictly a trip down memory lane, with staid arrangements and performances failing to match past glories. Only when he turned his hand to the big soul ballads was it apparent that Cocker is still a singer capable of deep expression. Jimmy Cliff's "Many Rivers to Cross" brought out a terrible sadness in his voice, and an evocative "The Moon's a Harsh Mistress", sung with piano accompaniment only, prompted the best vocal performance of the evening.

Sadly, he did not sing the splendid "Up Where We Belong", but did not dare to exclude "With a Little Help from My Friends".

David Sinclair

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Museum shuns auction of treasure from shipwreck

From Geraldine Norman, Amsterdam

The cargo of the Geldermalsen, a Dutch East-Indiaman which sank in 1752, came under Christie's hammer in Amsterdam yesterday in spite of the leading museum in Holland boycotting the sale in protest against the lack of scientific method in recovering archaeological material.

The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam has called on the Dutch Government to introduce laws to govern the salvage of ancient wrecks, citing the British Maritime Protection Act, 1973, as setting an example.

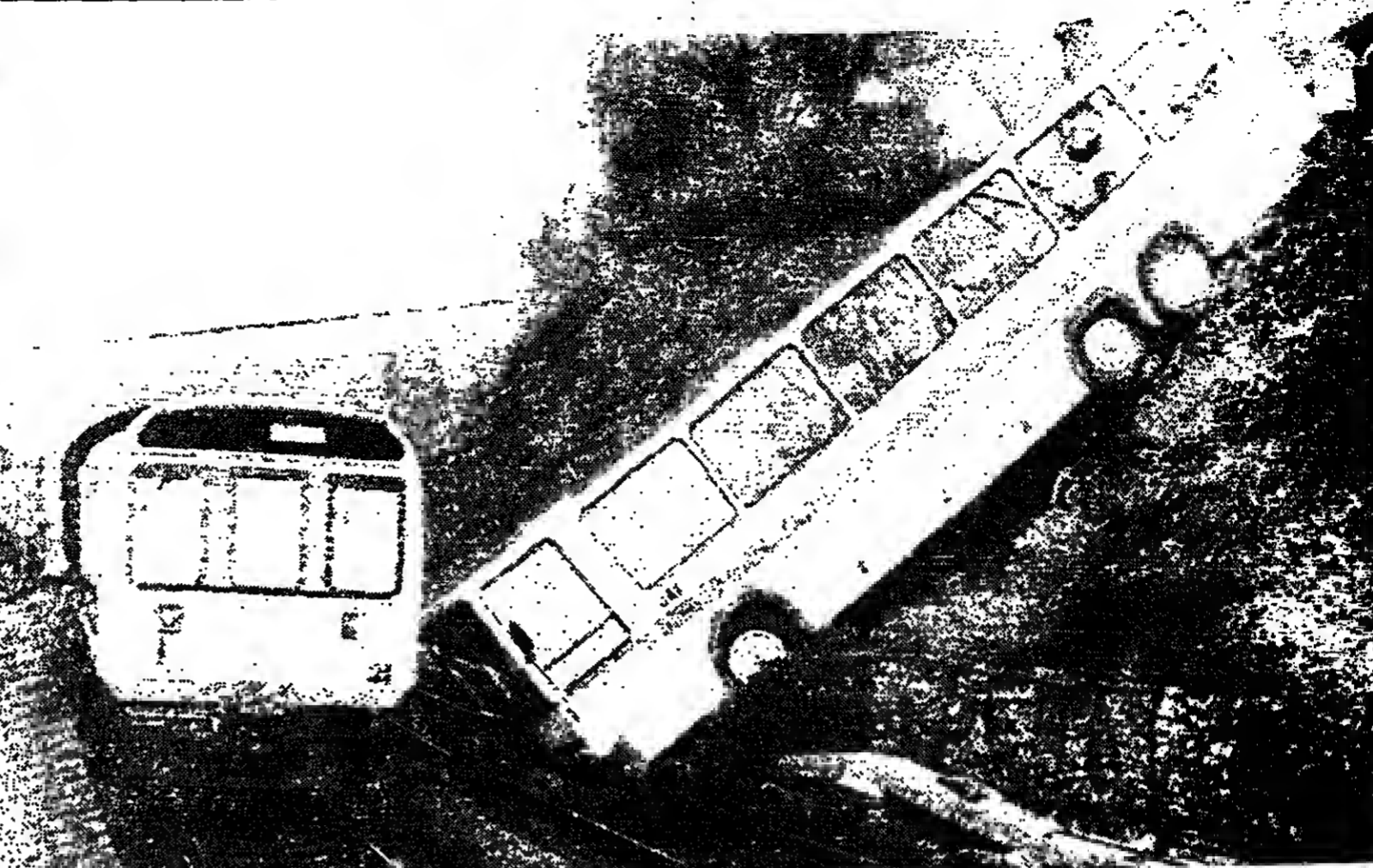
Meanwhile, Mr Michael Hatcher, his two partners, and their team of 10 divers look set to receive about £8 million from the week-long sale. The Dutch Government, as representatives of the Dutch East India Company which owned the ship, will get 10 per cent of the proceeds.

The diving team's rescue of 168,000 items of porcelain and 125 gold bars from the wreck in the South China Sea has sparked imagination worldwide.

Bidders have poured into Amsterdam, with 20,000 people viewing the sale, queuing for up to 2½ hours in the rain to see the treasure. At one point the queue stretched 100yd.

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But Mr Bast Kist, marine archaeologist at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, said the sale was a souvenir hunter's orgy and likened it to the crude treasure hunting in Egyptian tombs in the nineteenth century.



A disaster narrowly avoided as this empty 53-seat coach crashed through railings early yesterday and plunged 40 ft down an embankment on to the main London to Plymouth railway line at Teignmouth, Devon. Police believe the accident occurred as thieves tried to steal the French-registered coach.

Tories struggle with Libya factor in polls

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distance. Only a small movement of votes would do it."

Mr Matthew Parris, the former Conservative MP whose resignation caused the by-election, said that all three candidates had everything to play for. It sounded extraordinary but it was even possible to imagine a Labour candidate winning Derbyshire West, he said.

EEC budget crisis Spending horrifies Lawson

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

EEC governments face the highly unwelcome prospect of being asked to pay more as the Community heads for overspending of this year's budget by nearly £3 billion.

M. Pierre Pflimlin, the President of the European Parliament, told the Council of Ministers it was absurd to try and fix the 1987 budget guidelines within the 1986 budget which still not agreed.

Veil over Duchess's funeral journey

By Alan Hamilton

A dense veil of privacy will shroud the last journey of the Duchess of Windsor, as her English oak coffin is borne this afternoon from St George's Chapel, Windsor, to its rest beside that of her husband at Frogmore.

Only four mourners, the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Prince and Princess of Wales, are expected to accompany her body to the funeral in the Windsor dynasty's family burial ground.

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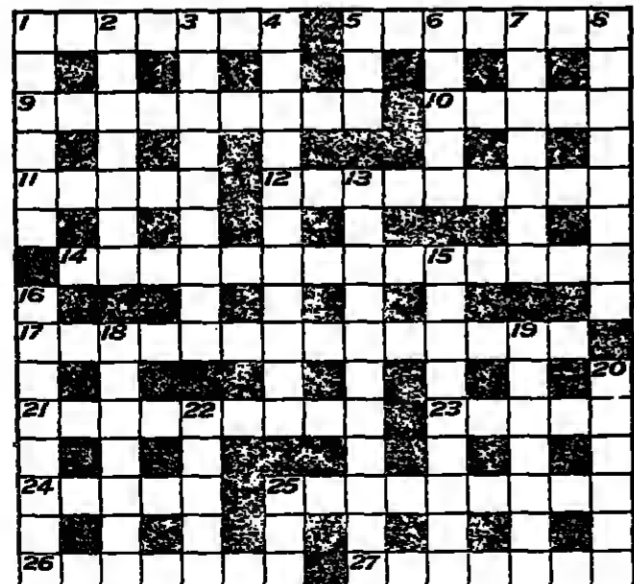
Today's events

Royal engagements
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends a Service in Westminster Abbey to mark the 90th anniversary of the Domesday Book, 10.55.

TV top ten

- 1. EastEnders (Thu/Sun) 21.20m
- 2. The Tube (Tue) 20.00m
- 3. The Tube (Wed) 14.55m
- 4. A Question of Sport 14.05m
- 5. The Tube (Thu) 14.55m
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,032



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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Finance Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Gas Bill, committee (second day); Patents, Designs and Marks Bill, third reading.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Thomas Beecham, St Helens, Lancashire, 1879; Andrew Young, poet, Elgin, 1885; Sir Malcolm Sargent, Ashford, Kent, 1893; Duke Ellington, Washington, 1899.
Deaths: John Cleveland, poet, London, 1658; George Farquhar, dramatist, London, 1707; Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1933.

Weather forecast

A deep depression near Iceland will maintain a cool showery airstream over N and W districts, while a weak ridge of high pressure develops over S districts.

6 am to midnight
London, SE England, East Angles. Becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 14C (57F).

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Bath	3.34	3.4	3.44	3.2
Bournemouth	10.18	10.2	10.28	10.4
Cardiff	3.02	3.2	3.29	3.0
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Leaders make small gains as account opens on firm note

Stock markets made a quiet but firm start to the week account yesterday, with new account press comment, takeover pursuits and company statements providing the main centres of activity. Business was slow to get under way no doubt due to the early start of trading from...

ings, 5p up at 680p. Saville Gordon with a substantial stake in Dupont added 5p to 89p. Estate agents were excited by a Hambros/Bairdrow bid for Mann & Co 20p up at 380p. Connelis at 290p Hanover Investments 22p and Abaco 61p were marked up 5p to 25p in sympathy. In buoyant insurance brokers Willis Faber advanced 27p to 464p on news that Morgan Grenfell in which the firm has a holding is planning a stockmarket quotation. Blue Circle at 673p up 7p and Tarmac 8p better at 480p were both wanted ahead of today's results. Pilkington climbed 13p to 446p after press comment but an adverse mention knocked 12p from Phoenix Timber at 86p. The mortgage price was continued to help Barrat Developments at 156p up 8p. Rotaflex in receipt of an unwelcome offer from Emess Lighting climbed another 20p to 533p. Hopkinsons celebrated a 17 per cent earnings expansion with a 23p jump to 275p. In firm textiles Lincroft Kigow jumped 30p to 200p as a large stakeholding changed hands. Strong Riley shares were marked up 12p to 110p in spite of the chairman's denial of bid approaches last week. Motor Distributors again featured Tozer Kemsley at 156p up 16p on the company's expansion plans. Kenning Motor advanced 26p to 251p in sympathy while press comment lifted British Car Actions 6p to 143p and ERF 8p to 30p. Ready useful Group improved 14p to 375p on hopes of a successful production of the Phantom of the Opera which begins in October. S W Berisford improved 9p to 255p awaiting bid developments and Tesco were a good market at 365p up 12p. British Aerospace soared 21p to 550p after a brokers' meeting. Harris Queensway reporting early next month jumped 12p to 278p. Wellcome with interim figures due on Thursday lost 8p to 184p, not helped by an adverse article in the Wall Street Journal. Ratners 154p, H Samuel 86p, Thomas Jordan 258p, Oakwood 115p, Ayreshire Metal 62p and Pavilion 39p were best of the weekend press tips up 7p to 19p. Martin Ford in receipt of several bid approaches rallied another 6p to 76p. Ward White at 310p and John Menzies 338p advanced 6p reflecting satisfactory results. Two newcomers made very quiet debuts. Jury Hotels 113p recorded a 2p discount but Splash placed at 72p were quoted at 75p. Last week's issue DY Davies added another 6p to 188p helped by the Guildhall contract. Continental Microwave shares were marked up 30p to 238p on the IBA contract. Polly Peck jumped 15p to 178p on rumours of a change of broker. The figures are due next month.

COMPANY NEWS

JENNERS, PRINCES ST, EDINBURGH: A final dividend of 14p making 24p (20p) has been declared for the year to January 31. Turnover (figures in £000) rose to 18,930 (16,208) and pretax profit to 1,345 (1,187). TMD ADVERTISING HOLDINGS: The company is missing the interim dividend. Results for the six months to February 28 show (figures in £000) turnover up to 25,028 (20,076) and pretax profit to 417 (291). Earnings per share were 4.8p (3.2p). ROYAL: Results for 1985 (figures in £000) show turnover increase to 6,172 (5,849) and pretax profit to 136 (73). No dividend (nil) is being paid. Earnings per share rose to 0.80p (0.44p). JAMES BEATTIE: A dividend of 2.65p (2.12p) has been declared for the year to March 31. Sales (excluding tax) totalled £46.29 million (£41.71 million). Trading profit was up to £4.55 million (£4.14 million) and earnings per share up 7.15p (6.18p). HOPKINSONS HOLDINGS: A final dividend of 5.5p making 7.5p (5.35p adjusted) has been announced with the results for the year to December 31. With figures in £000 group turnover was 65,803 (59,165) and operating profit 6,424 (5,891). Earnings per share rose to 25.08p (17.78p). COLORGEN: Results for the half year to December 31 (figures in £000) show turnover at 207. Loss per share was 7.6 cents. UNITED CERAMIC DISTRIBUTORS: Mr P S Batten, the chairman, says in his annual statement that with the introduction of new products and other factors improvement will continue for the rest of the year. LOWLAND INVESTMENT CO: Results for the six months ended March 31 include an interim dividend of 1.2p (1p adjusted). Income from investments totalled 525,038 (£57,149) and revenue before tax was 499,093 (£42,455). PANTHERELLA: A final dividend of 2.2p making 3.7p (3.3p) has been declared for 1985. With figures in £000 turnover was up to 4,608 (3,851) and pretax profit to 761 (656). Earnings per share rose to 11.20p (10.18p).

Ward White strides ahead

Once upon a time Ward White was a sleepy Northamptonshire shoe maker desperately vulnerable to any change in buying habits. Now it ranks as a solid international retailer with a key stake in Britain's booming do-it-yourself business. Philip Birch, the chairman, has built up a faithful band of followers in the City used to seeing their expectations fulfilled. There seems no reason to think the future will hold any disappointment. Last year's profits before tax rose 82 per cent from £14.3 million to just over £26 million, a bit more than the market had been going for. This reflected first time contributions from the Zodiac toy shop division of Maynards, and the Owen Owen department store chain. It is still early days for Mr Birch to get to grips with the business - so there has to be some considerable scope for improvement, particularly at Owen Owen. The results include a full year contribution from the motor accessories business, Halfords, likely to have improved by about 20 per cent. Footwear retailing, once the lifeblood of the group suffered a 25 per cent slip as customers held off buying because of inclement weather, but the contribution now represents no more than 8 per cent of group earnings. The furious rate of expansion has led the United States businesses now chipping in 24 per cent of profits compared with 45 per cent a short while ago. The focus is now on Ward White's ability to generate a substantial improvement to performance from Payless, the chain of 65 DIY stores bought from Marley since the end of the year. Even without the benefit of Sunday trading Payless should be able to turn in a 10 per cent improvement on its 1985 performance of £9.8 million, implying a group total for the present year of approaching £40 million. Ward White has been commendably nimble-footed in picking up renegade businesses unwanted by previous owners either unable or unwilling to apply the financial expertise or cash to resuscitate them. Payless may have marked a watershed in its development at home. Despite his critics, Philip Birch knows how much a business is worth. But from now on, he is more likely to seek acquisitions outside Britain. In the meantime the shares at 310p, up 6p on the figures, must rank as one of the most solid - if unfashionable - in the sector. John Menzies John Menzies, the Scottish newspaper, has gained a second lease of life from Early Learning, the chain of educational toy shops it acquired last year. It has ambitious expansion plans for opening outlets in Britain and in America. Early Learning, which was included for only eight months of last year, made more than £1.5 million before interest, against less than £1 million in the whole of the previous year. This year should see an even larger contribution, despite the costs of opening stores. At home Menzies plans to open 32 stores by October, with the eventual target set at about 200 shops. In the US the company has even more ambitious long-term plans although it is planning only 10 openings this year. The group made £19.5 million profit occurred in South East Asia. Incheape Berhad suffered a £30 million reversal from a profit of £17 million to a loss of £13 million due to the collapse in the Singapore economy and losses in B-Trak, a distributor of agricultural equipment for the timber industry in Malaysia. There were, in addition, heavy write-offs to the tune of £12 million for redundancies and reorganization in Incheape Berhad. The contribution from tea nearly halved from £17.3 million in 1984 to £9.4 million in 1985. It is clear that Mr George Turnbull, the group managing director who takes over from Sir David Orr as chairman in June, still has a major rationalization job to do. Incheape is still trying to do too many things. To make sense of the group the size of Incheape, the number of businesses and geographical areas that it is in should be reduced and clearly identified. In 1986, the group will enjoy some benefits of rationalization at Incheape Berhad. But business has fallen away in Singapore; consumer spending is down and motor demand is down. Currencies have also continued to move against the group this year. The strength of the yen and the weakness of the dollar is a lethal combination for Incheape. A pretax profit of £60 million in 1986 and a 60 per cent tax charge leaves the group on a multiple of over 12, high enough given the uncertainties surrounding the company's businesses and markets. And given that the price of 345p is above the asset value of 328p, a bid looks unlikely in the short term.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and various stock prices and changes.

Hoechst RIGHTS ISSUE 1986. The Board of Management has announced an increase of the share capital to DM 2,742,752,000 by the creation of new Bearer Shares of DM 100,000,000 nominal value. DM 139,619,350 nominal of such new shares has been subscribed by a banking consortium...

SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP. Summary of Results - 1985. Premium income, Profit and loss account, Territorial analysis, Reinsurance from Chubb Corporation, Long-term insurance. Comments by the Chairman - H. U. A. Lambert. A year ago my predecessor, in his final statement to shareholders, spoke of the first chinks of light to be seen at the end of the gloomy tunnel of unsatisfactory underwriting results...

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Wall Street shares moved higher in early trading yesterday as a weaker opening, as technology issues again provided solid support and bonds edged slightly higher. Morgan Stanley shares jumped 1% to 77 1/2 after reporting that its net income rose \$58 million (\$37 million from \$17.3 million last year). The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.10 points to 1,837.67. Advancing issues led by volume of 9.6 million shares. IBM rose 1/4 to 159 1/4, on the active issues. Philip Morris fell 2 1/2 to 62 1/4. The Dow transportation average was 0.49 points down at 811.46, and utilities were down 0.46 at 186.29. Stocks were 0.80 down at 713.04.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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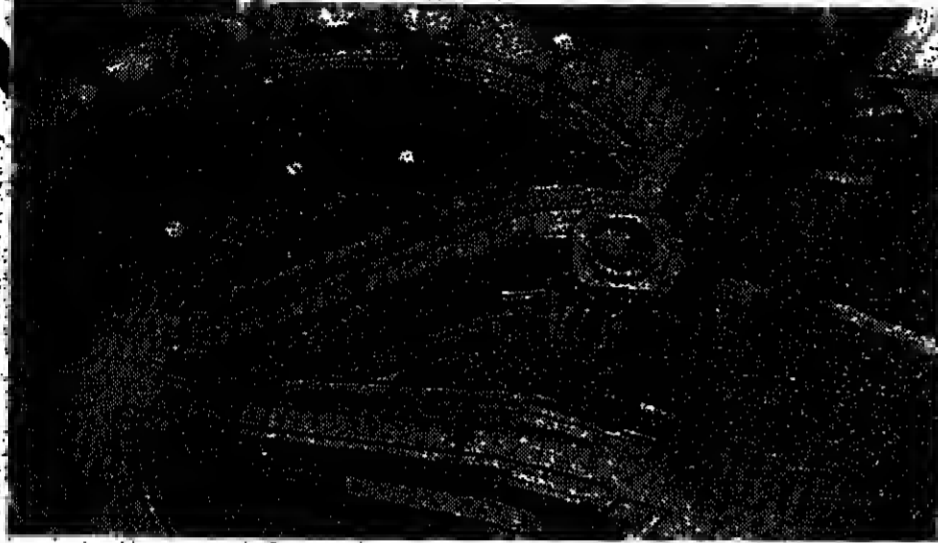
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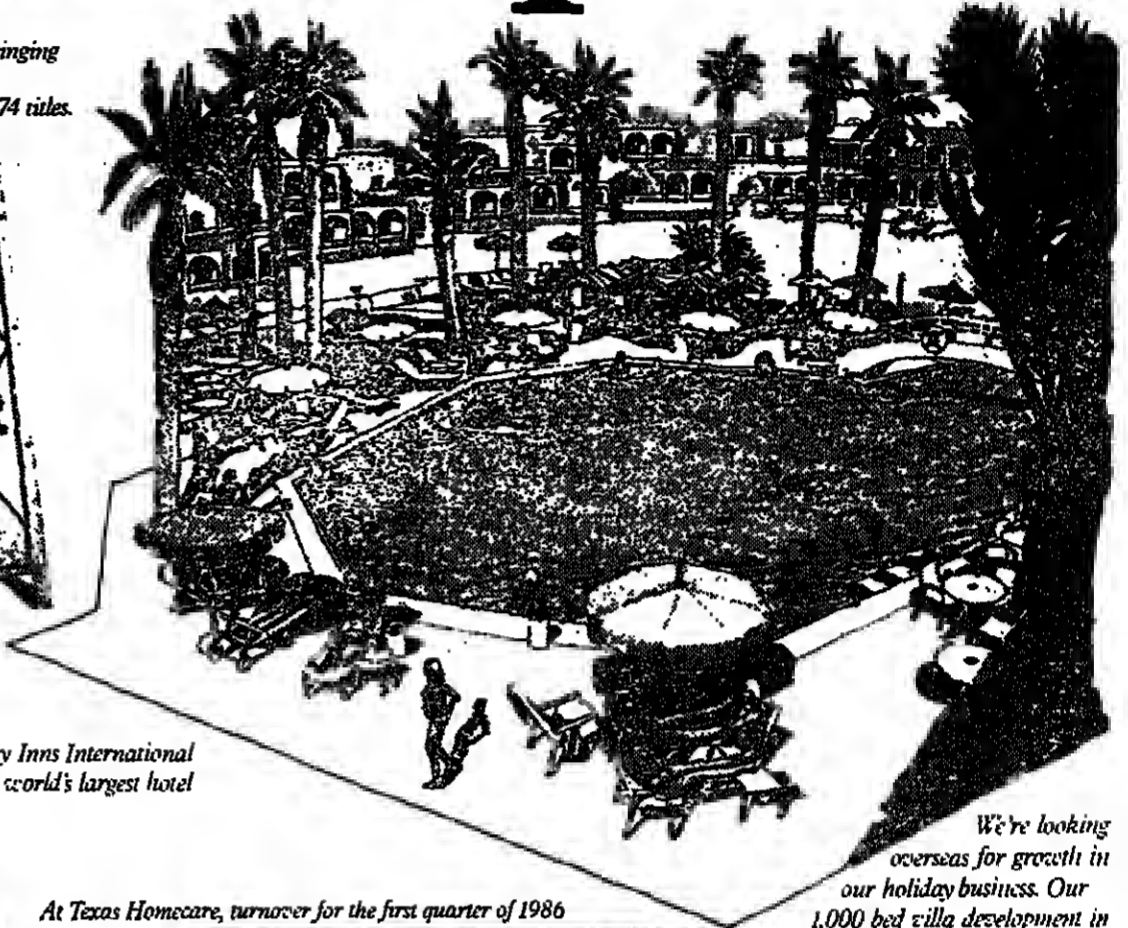
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Some of the most breathtaking modern architecture is seen in the new shopping centres. Ladbroke are leading the way with this 100,000 sq. ft. development covered by a giant glass atrium.

Our investment in publishing is bringing good results. With the recent acquisition of Sevens we now own 74 titles.



We're looking overseas for growth in our holiday business. Our 1,000 bed villa development in Eilat, Israel, is already operating very successfully. A similar development in Lanzarote has just opened.



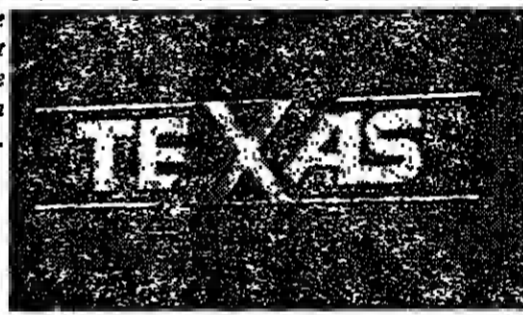
Thanks to new legislation, the sport of kings can now be watched in more palatial surroundings. As world leaders in off-track betting, Ladbroke welcome the changes.



Our purchase of Rodeway Inns International gave us an entry into the world's largest hotel market - America.

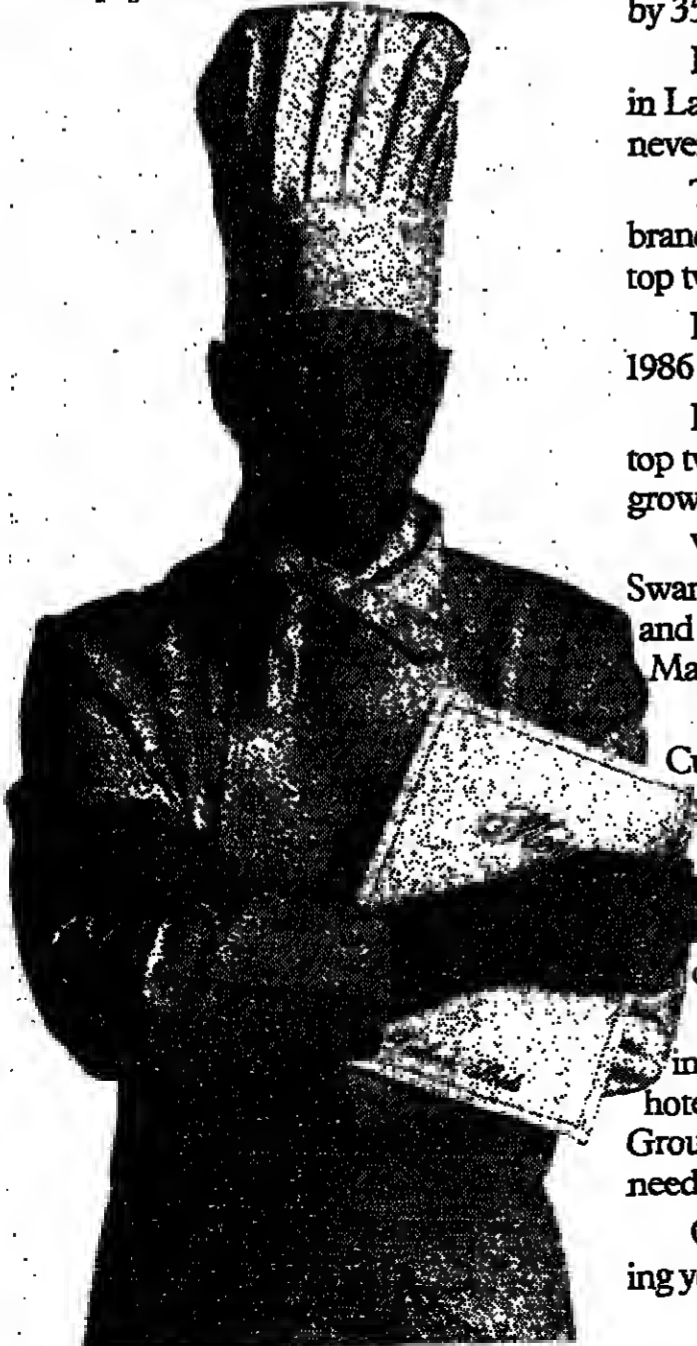


At Texas Homecare, turnover for the first quarter of 1986 was 30% up on the same period last year, so we're coming in on a high.



This is Manhattan Tower, a 275,000 sq. ft. 35-story Ladbroke development in the heart of New York City. It's high rise and high rent and typical of our quality projects in America. In 1985, the property decision contributed £18m to group profits.

What's smarter? Owning hotels where people want to stay or where they have to stay? We've become one of the top 100 hotel chains in Britain by building and buying businesslike hotels that businessmen like.



With the acquisition of Home Charm last week, Ladbroke made sure that 1986 is going to be even more exciting than 1985.

Last year we made record profits of £75 million - 50% up on 1984.

Our three core businesses all performed well.

Hotels, property and racing achieved a combined increase in pre-tax profit of 42% while the entertainments division boosted its profit contribution by 35%.

Last year was certainly a high point in Ladbroke's history and the future has never looked more exciting.

Trading under the Texas Homecare brand name, Home Charm is one of the top two DIY chains in Britain.

It owns 136 superstores and during 1986 we plan to open 21 new ones.

Ladbroke Hotels are now one of the top two hotel chains in Britain and growing fast.

We've recently opened new hotels at Swansea, Livingston and Basingstoke and we're currently building at Manchester Airport and Portsmouth.

In London we're relaunching the Curzon in Mayfair and the Sherlock Holmes in Baker Street (where else?).

Because our hotel business caters primarily for the businessman who has to travel we're less dependent on tourism than many hotel groups.

By next winter we'll have invested £15 million bringing the 22 hotels we bought from the Comfort Group up to Ladbroke standards. (And need we say it, Ladbroke profitability.)

Our racing division had an outstanding year in 1985 and with over 1,500 shops

in the U.K. we increased our share of the off-track betting market to over 21%.

In Belgium we own over 800 betting shops and last year we bought a race course in Michigan.

(When legislation allows off-track betting, we'll be ready for the off.)

In Holland, we've recently been granted an initial, 20 year exclusive licence to carry out betting, on and off-track.

But the most pleasing development happened here in Britain earlier this year.

For the first time, betting shops were allowed to show live TV and satellite coverage of sporting events and to provide new facilities for their customers.

We have already invested in the most modern communication and computer technology to give our clients a service that's second to none.

Our U.S.A. properties are establishing a substantial rental stream and valuable assets.

Here in Britain, we're concentrating on the retail sector with major new schemes in Maidstone, Birmingham, and Bristol and out of town developments in Crayford, Hendon and Cwmbran.

With leisure-time spending projected to increase by 8.5% in 1986, the entertainments division is also expecting to do well; publishing is expanding, holiday bookings are ahead of 1985 levels and Laskys is again expected to improve its performance.

As you can see from this brief look at our activities, the future looks far from leisurely.

And that's exactly the way we like it.
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APPOINTMENTS

The English Trust Group: Mr Michael Todhunter has been appointed managing director of the group and of the English Trust Company. He succeeds Mr Christopher Spence, who is to become deputy chairman of both companies.

Johnson Matthey: Mr W J Quindlen becomes president of the catalytic systems division. Other appointments in the restructuring include: Materials technology division: Mr B S Cooper to be divisional director; Mr J W E Pennington managing director (Europe); Mr E J Grosso, executive vice-president (North America); Mr M Brown managing director (Pacific); Mr K E Davies managing director (South Africa); and Mr D C Theobald projects director. Precious metals division: Mr D V Viollet to be director, platinum marketing; Mr G G Fisher director, precious metals refining, colours and printing division; Mr D M Lloyd to be divisional director; Mr R Goch operations director.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.50%
Adam & Company	10.50%
BCCL	10.50%
Citibank Savings	10.75%
Consolidated Credits	11.00%
Continental Trust	10.50%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hove & Co	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
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Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	10.50%
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† Mortgage Base Rate.

GENEES-HOLLANDESE BELEGGENGSTRUST N.V. (English and Dutch Investment Trust) (Incorporated in Amsterdam). NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Tuesday 20th May 1986 at 14.30 hours at the offices of the Company, Keizersgracht, 274, Amsterdam. Shareholders wishing to attend the general meeting of the Company must deposit with the meeting at least ten days before the meeting with the Dutch Registrar of Companies, N.V. Kantoornotaris G.A. Assenbosch or with Hill Samuel and Co. Limited, 45 Beach Street, London EC2P 2LX. A deposit certificate will be issued to each shareholder which, upon production, will entitle them to vote at the meeting. Holders of Shares registered with the Company in its shareholders' Register must inform the Board of Managing Directors in writing at least four days prior to the meeting that they intend to attend the meeting in person or by proxy. Holders of participation Certificates issued by Royal Exchange Assurance who wish to attend and vote at the meeting must notify the Trust Department of Royal Exchange Assurance, 68 King William Street, London EC4N 3DF, at least ten days before the meeting. Royal Exchange Assurance is prepared to accept a power of attorney for the holder of shares held in trust on the condition that the trustee has deposited with the Dutch Registrar of Companies a copy of the Resolution to be put before the meeting. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1985 and of the Resolutions to be put before the meeting are available at the offices of the Company. By order of the Board: HOLLANDESE EEFDEMAATSCHAP N.V. MANAGEMENT 20th April, 1986

German inflation rate 'will be 32-year low'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

West Germany will have strong growth this year and the lowest inflation rate for more than 30 years, according to a forecast published yesterday by the country's five leading economic research institutes. The institutes predict 3.5 per cent growth this year, despite an uncertain start, compared with 2.4 per cent last year. Inflation will average 0.5 per cent, the lowest rate since 1954, they say. The engine of growth will be consumer spending, forecast to rise by 4.5 per cent, compared with 1.7 per cent last year. This is partly due to the income tax cuts which took effect on January 1, and partly improved consumer confidence as a result of low inflation. One consequence of strong growth will be the first noticeable drop in unemployment since 1979. The level of unemployment is expected to drop to 2.15 million by the end of the year, down by 150,000 on the end of 1985. This year's average is forecast to be 2.23 million, compared with 2.3 million last year. The institutes expect a sharp slowing in Germany's export growth, from 7.2 per cent last year to 3 per cent this year. Imports will rise at a faster pace, by 5.5 per cent compared with 4.7 per cent last year. The trade surplus is predicted to reach a record DM100 billion (£29.9 billion) this year, compared with DM73.3 billion in 1985. The current account is also expected to reach a new high of DM60 billion compared with DM38.6 billion last year. Despite low inflation and the strong mark, the institutes warn the central bank against reducing interest rates in line with recent cuts elsewhere. Inflation of 0.5 per cent this year compares with 2.2 per cent in 1985, but domestic prices are rising at 2 per cent a year, the institutes say, and the pace of monetary expansion is already too strong. The five institutes are the Kiel University Institute for the World Economy, the IFO Institute of Munich, RWI of Essen, HWWA of Hamburg and the DIW Institute of West Berlin.

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Option salesmen compound the regulators' torment

Central banks round the world are already fretting about off-balance-sheet exposures. Now the options whizz-kids are dreaming up new ways of tormenting the regulators. The Bank for International Settlements and Mr Peter Cooke of the Bank of England, who heads the international committee of regulators, will have to grapple with cunning new devices such as options on options. Standard Chartered Bank, under its ingenious currency expert, Fred Lee, has just begun marketing these instruments as "compound options". Jargon aside, the idea is simple enough. Rather than pay the full premium on an option now, the customer can choose to pay part of it while he or she is deciding to take up the full option. It is, if you like, an option at one remove. Thus, the holder of the right to a six-month option on which the premium might typically be 2 per cent of the striking price could pay 1 per cent, or half the full premium, for two months, and the balance if he or she takes up the option for the remaining four months. If the premium is more, the proportion to be paid in advance is less, and if it is lower the proportion is higher. The premium is calculated on the rate of exchange required, the volatility of the currency, and interest rates. The supposed attraction of this device is that corporate treasurers who have difficulty persuading their boards to pay the whole premium immediately can more easily sell the idea of a partial premium with the right but not the obligation to take up the full option later. Standard is offering compound options for the dollar against sterling, the mark, the yen and the Swiss franc. You can have a call on a call (a right to buy an option on an option which gives you the right to buy a specified quantity of currency at a specified price) or a call on a put (the right to buy a right to sell). Since all these options are over-the-counter options, tailor-made for the client in question, any striking price or period within reason will be entertained. But, as one might expect, there are plenty of banks ready to pour scorn on the whole idea. The first, slightly irrelevant, response is that options on options are nothing new. Barclays and Citibank have marketed them for a couple of years in London without much success. The principle is as old as options. A second and more penetrating line of attack is that they are a gimmick. But is that fair? Standard Chartered argues that they can be cheaper than ordinary options and that the amount the customer pays for the initial period is negotiable. For some companies the chance to buy part of an option while waiting to see if the cover afforded by a full option is needed must be attractive. Other banks contend that compound options can cost more because the bank selling the option must recover for-gone interest. Perhaps the most cogent criticism, however, of compound options for lenders for contract is that the insurance can be provided more cheaply by services such as the Export Credits Guarantee Department's Tender to Contract scheme or Hambros Bank's Extra, which gives customers a refund if they fail to win the contract. There may be attractions in compound options when the date of a likely exposure is pretty certain, because the company can then lock in today's exchange rate. But in that case it might as well use ordinary options. This last point gives another important dimension to the problem. It is often hard enough to quantify the risk associated with an ordinary option. Compound options are even more difficult. Banks must deal with the exposure not just by hedging in traded option markets and in the spot and forward currency markets, but also by properly accounting for the risk, which may be considerable since they are generally sellers of options to their corporate customers. The new proposals from the regulators effectively to abolish as far as possible off-balance-sheet risks could cause some banks seriously to reexamine their involvement in this volatile market.

Michael Prest

ICI in 1985

Shaping an ambitious future.

Speaking at the Annual General Meeting on 28th April 1986, Sir John Harvey-Jones, Chairman of ICI, said:

This is a special meeting for me because it gives me a formal opportunity to introduce my successor, Denis Henderson, who succeeds me on 1st April 1987, will be the 11th, and youngest ever, Chairman of ICI which is eloquent tribute to his abilities and stature. ICI was formed on the 7th of December 1926. Looking back over those sixty years, we see major changes. It is a great tribute to generations of ICI people that your Company is still growing and shaping an ambitious future for itself in the markets of the world.

Growing Resurgent Business

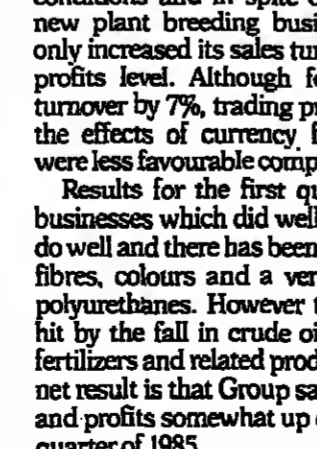
I should like you to look at the 1985 results in the broad sweep of the last five years. The business has grown from sales of £6.6bn to £10.7bn and the average annual growth has been about 11.5%. For two years 1981 and 1982 pre-tax profits stayed around £300m then leapt to £600m then to £1,000m and last year fell back somewhat to £912m, still 47% up on 1983. These figures for growth and profitability are the figures of a growing, resurgent business.

We have re-arranged our reporting of Group activities under four Industry Segments: Consumer and Speciality Products, Industrial Products, Agriculture, and Oil and Gas, placing the emphasis on the different markets we serve and better describing the changing shape of our business. The highlight of 1985 was the performance of the Consumer and Speciality Products segment, which increased its trading profit by £71m. Particularly noteworthy were further growth in pharmaceuticals and an encouraging first contribution by the businesses acquired from Beatrice Companies Inc. The acquisition of the Beatrice chemical businesses was a key business decision intended to contribute

both to increasing our portfolio of high added-value products and accelerating our expansion in the USA. As far as the overall check in profits in 1985 is concerned there were several contributory factors. First, the European heavy chemical businesses increased sales but were unable to sustain their 1984 profit performance because of pressures on margins. Trading profits in the Industrial Products segment fell back by £64m - still well up on 1983. Second, oil production from Nintian continues to decline and oil taxation has now increased from 60% to 65%. Overall, the oil factor reduced trading profits by about £50m. Third, 1985 was an exceedingly difficult year for world agricultural activity. Notwithstanding these difficult conditions and in spite of start-up costs with its new plant breeding business, agrochemicals not only increased its sales turnover by 13% but held its profits level. Although fertilizers increased sales turnover by 7%, trading profit fell by £37m. Finally, the effects of currency fluctuation and volatility were less favourable compared with 1984. Results for the first quarter of 1986 show that businesses which did well in 1985 are continuing to do well and there has been welcome improvement in fibres, colours and a very strong performance in polyurethanes. However the oil business has been hit by the fall in crude oil prices and problems in fertilizers and related products have intensified. The net result is that Group sales were somewhat down and profits somewhat up compared with the fourth quarter of 1985. The ICI Group's relatively small oil interests are experiencing difficult trading conditions at present prices, but for the whole Group there is likely to be advantage - if the oil price stays down and as the benefits of reduced feedstock costs and increased economic activity come through.



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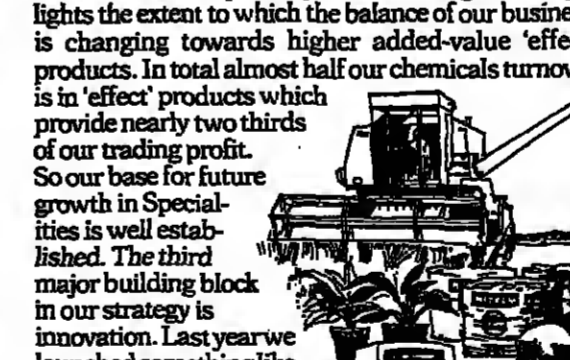


AGRICULTURE

Evolution of Strategy

We must go where the markets are and a major strategic target is expansion in the United States.

In 1981 our sales there were just over £1.2bn and accounted for less than 9% of our business. By 1985 sales had trebled and were more than 15% of the business. The substantial increases in ICI sales have been mainly overseas. Our designation of a Consumer and Speciality Products segment highlights the extent to which the balance of our business is changing towards higher added-value 'effect' products. In total almost half our chemicals turnover is in 'effect' products which are trading profit. So our base for future growth in Specialities is well established. The third major building block in our strategy is innovation. Last year we launched something like eighty new products and we made a significant increase in R&D expenditure. These brief reflections on the continuing evolution of our strategy will convey that we know what we want to do, we are doing it, and we are going to go on doing it.



OIL AND GAS

Dividend Target

As stockholders, I'm sure you will be as pleased as we are that the Board has felt able to make a real increase in dividends from 30p to 33p per share and will be equally pleased by the increase in value of ICI shares which have risen from a low of 226p in 1981 to touch £10 at one point earlier this year. The more our performance is reflected in a higher market price for our stock, the more stockholders benefit and the better we are able to raise funds and finance expansion. You will not have been surprised by our concern at the Government's imposition of a 3% tax on the creation of new depositary receipts (ADRs) - the form in which most UK equities are traded outside the UK. It is not only the immediate implications for American investors, who now hold some 15-16% of our stock, that have caused us to voice our objections to the new tax so publicly. The Government's decision, if brought into effect, will put UK companies at both

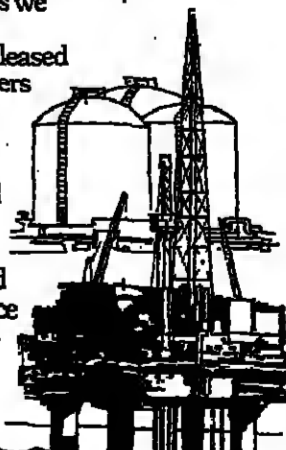
commercial and financial disadvantage opposite their foreign competitors. We, together with other major companies are continuing our efforts to suggest alternative mechanisms which will meet the Chancellor's concerns.

Commitment to Success

Each Chairman of ICI is a custodian for a brief period in the life of the Company. I think we are fortunate in the elements which have become a continuous part of ICI. First, the importance of people; second, our pursuit of improvement; third, our commitment to research. Three continuing streams in ICI thinking and action, as vital today in the success of our business as they were sixty years ago. The nature of the chemical industry is changing. It is no longer enough to produce great tonnages at low costs for the markets of the world. Our business increasingly focuses on specific customers and on adding service to the products we supply them with.

Finally, I am particularly pleased that the number of stockholders increased during 1985. I do not wish to diminish the importance of institutional shareholders or of our United States shareholders - but the small stockholder with his personal interest and concern is a most active source of strength, encouragement and advice.

I have still a year to go, but this is the last time I shall stand before you at an AGM. I am totally confident that when Denis Henderson succeeds to this stewardship next year your investment in ICI will continue to be a stake in a great Company which has the ability to realise its ambitions for the future.



OIL AND GAS



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April 29, 1986

Sea defences in the City

The Institute of London Underwriters is not a familiar name to the man in the street, although several of its members are household names - Commercial Union, Eagle Star, Prudential.

The ILU is relatively anonymous, in comparison with the worldwide renown of the Lloyd's insurance market, partly because it is a collection of 109 companies and partly because it handles only marine and aviation business. Its specialist yacht insurance is the closest it gets to dealing with the consumer, although its members handle the full range of consumer insurance from motor to life.

The ILU is a vitally important part of the world insurance market. It writes about half the marine and aviation business done in London, with Lloyd's writing the other half. The two together account for 50 per cent of marine and aviation insurance and reinsurance worldwide.

The member companies, nearly half of which are British subsidiaries of overseas companies, have an asset value from their British operations alone of \$25 billion (£16.5 billion). The premium income last year was £1.3 billion.

The relationship with Lloyd's is one of both competition and close co-operation. The ILU was founded in 1884 after a meeting of company underwriters and Lloyd's underwriters. Lloyd's underwriters soon found there was a conflict of interest and they withdrew to form the Lloyd's Underwriters Association.

The two groups are structured totally differently. Lloyd's ability to write insurance is based on the willingness of wealthy individuals or "names" to pledge their assets to the insurance market with unlimited liability. The names are grouped into syndicates and the business is written by a professional underwriter.

The ILU's members are all companies with limited liability. Those who work in the market are employees of the companies.

Despite the radically different structure the two markets compete for the same business, although Lloyd's also writes motor and non-marine insurance. Many of the risks written in London are written partly by Lloyd's syndicates and partly by ILU companies.



Princess Anne officially opens the new headquarters of the Institute of London Underwriters today. For the first time, the company marine insurance market will be under one roof

The two groups co-operate on several joint committees including hull, cargo, war, liability and construction risks. The committees, if they are chaired by an ILU man, will have a Lloyd's deputy chairman and vice versa. They deal largely with technical matters of market practice and regulation, including joint discussions on rating levels.

The present crisis following the American bombing of Libya has occasioned an increase in war risk cover for vessels calling at Libyan ports. Traditionally, ILU companies have specialized in war risk cargoes and Lloyd's in war risk hulls.

The ILU has developed a more supportive role for its members than just a trade association as it has progressed down the years. In the

1950s the concept of an ILU policy was introduced, which meant one policy was issued listing all the companies on risk and how much they were in for. Previously every company, even if it was only writing 2 per cent of the total risk, had to issue its own policy for its portion of the risk.

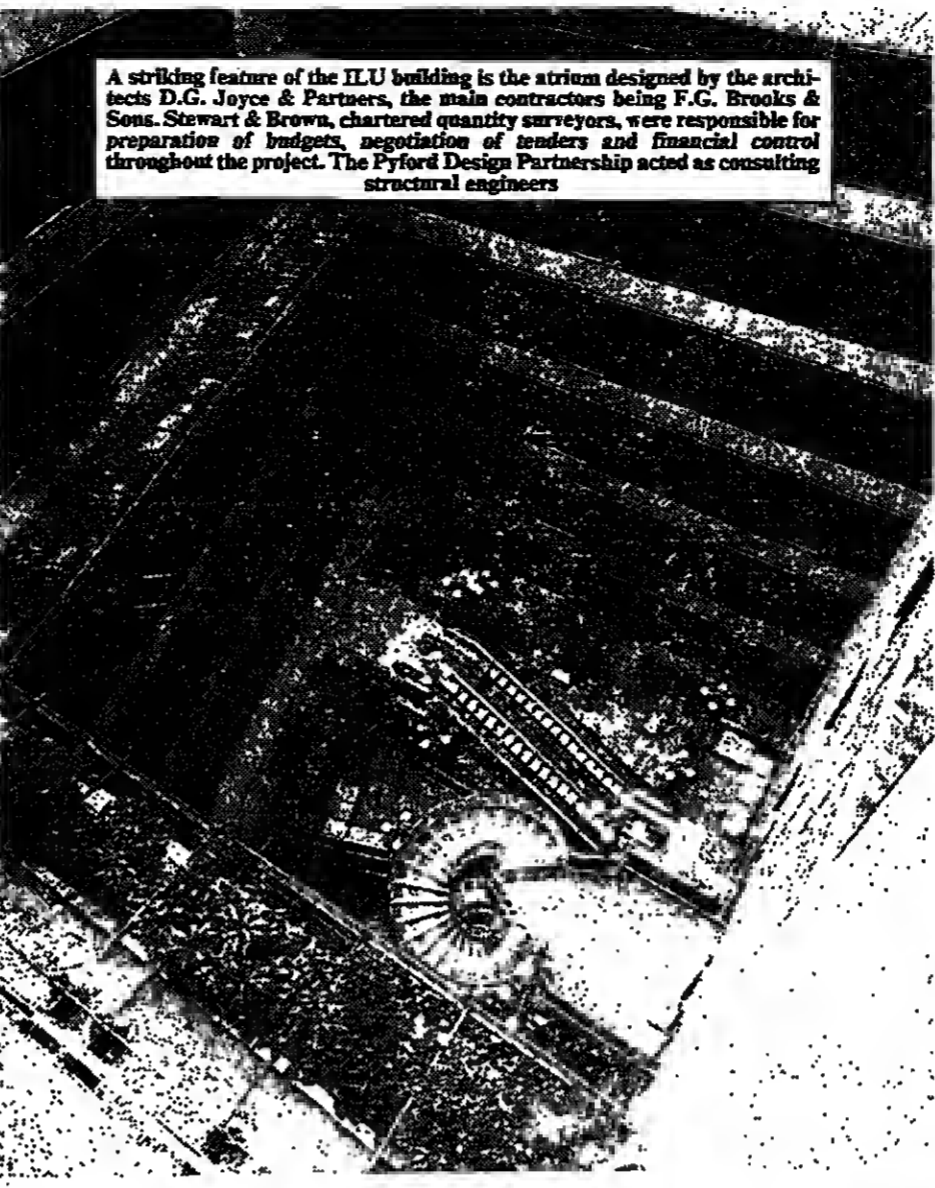
The payment of premiums in and claims out from then on was processed by the ILU on a monthly basis. The ILU established a network of claims agents, which now number 450 worldwide.

It takes pride in the financial soundness of its members and hence the financial soundness of its policies. It conducts an annual review of the financial standing of its members through looking at reports and accounts and analysing Department of Trade and Industry returns.

The recent years of high inflation have caused damage to the capitalization of some companies, causing the ILU to require a boosting of reserves on occasions. The ILU claims none of its members has ever gone bust, although one or two have come perilously close. The troubled Insurance Company of Ireland withdrew from membership last year.

The latest service to membership provided by the ILU is the new building, which allows brokers to meet all the company underwriters under one roof. Instead of a Lloyd's lookalike, where underwriters sit at boxes in one huge market floor, the ILU has opted for individual rooms with glass fronts and open doors.

The next stage will be more services, particularly of the electronic kind, and more market statistics. The nature of the insurance business will ensure that the physical market-place will not be rendered outmoded by new technology. Peter Worsfold, general manager and secretary of the ILU, believes.



A striking feature of the ILU building is the atrium designed by the architects D.G. Joyce & Partners, the main contractors being F.G. Brooks & Sons. Stewart & Brown, chartered quantity surveyors, were responsible for preparation of budgets, negotiation of tenders and financial control throughout the project. The Pyford Design Partnership acted as consulting structural engineers

The brokers who come to place their business seem to prefer doing the business face to face across a desk. The risk can be discussed more easily than on the telephone and the market-place setting allows the risk to be placed quickly. Marine risks are placed faster in London than anywhere else in the world, Mr Worsfold says.

Claims can also be paid promptly. The ship that was crushed in the ice in the Antarctic, during the expedition in the footsteps of Scott, was wholly insured at the ILU and the cheque was paid out

within four days of the vessel going down.

The present trading outlook for the ILU's members is improving after a prolonged and deep cyclical downturn. The ILU has escaped some of the worst insurance horrors, caused by general liability business which it does not transact. The highest losses among Lloyd's syndicates have arisen from general liability claims or expected claims, such as asbestosis.

The ILU has also escaped from the scandals which have afflicted its better known neighbour. The ILU is not crowing about Lloyd's misfor-

tunes, however, as bad publicity tends to rub off on the London market overall and does not result in a rush of business from Lloyd's to the ILU.

Despite the well publicized problems at Lloyd's, business is flowing back to London, as the overcapacity of a few years ago has been transformed to a dramatic shortage of capacity. Rates have also hardened appreciably making life somewhat more comfortable for ILU member companies.

A £6m centre that was built for speed

The new ILU headquarters at 49 Leadenhall Street in the City of London is probably the world's best equipped marine company underwriting market-place.

Both brokers and underwriters are enthusiastic about their changed surroundings. For the first time in its 102-year history, all the ILU's 100-plus company members are housed under one roof. The new headquarters opened for business on March 10.

The building is designed for very rapid treatment of brokers. It is of particular benefit to the smaller insurance companies among the ILU membership who previously were tucked away in odd corners of the City and who already are seeing more business being shown to them.

Because the ILU is cheek-by-jowl with Lloyd's, the new market-place means that brokers can save time on their daily round of the market.

ILU member companies, in addition to sharing existing well-established common centralized settlement services, now have access to a greater range of common facilities than before.

The eight-floor building was hailed as one of Europe's most attractive modern offices when built in 1977.

Its interior has now been extensively redesigned by the ILU to provide an efficient and comfortable environment for underwriters who are situated on the first, second and third floors in some 50 separate underwriting units. It has cost the ILU about £6 million to acquire and refurbish the building.

Greater speed and efficiency are achieved by putting the principal trading areas on the first and second floors, where maximum floor space is available. Easy access is provided by new escalators, walkways, special safety automatic re-

volving doors and a circular staircase in the central atrium linking the ground, first, second and third floors.

The ILU's offices are on the ground floor together with conference rooms and in the basement are a bar, restaurants and private dining rooms.

The glass-fronted underwriting rooms, in various shapes and layouts, produce an open-plan market environment and the first-floor brokers' communal area has telephones and refreshment facilities. Trading areas maintain a balance between an open market-place and the existing tradition of members' underwriting rooms.

To enhance the market-place environment the double doors to each room can be opened up and fastened back during trading hours.

High-tech design is evident in the underwriting rooms.

The shrubs and plants create the atmosphere of a courtyard

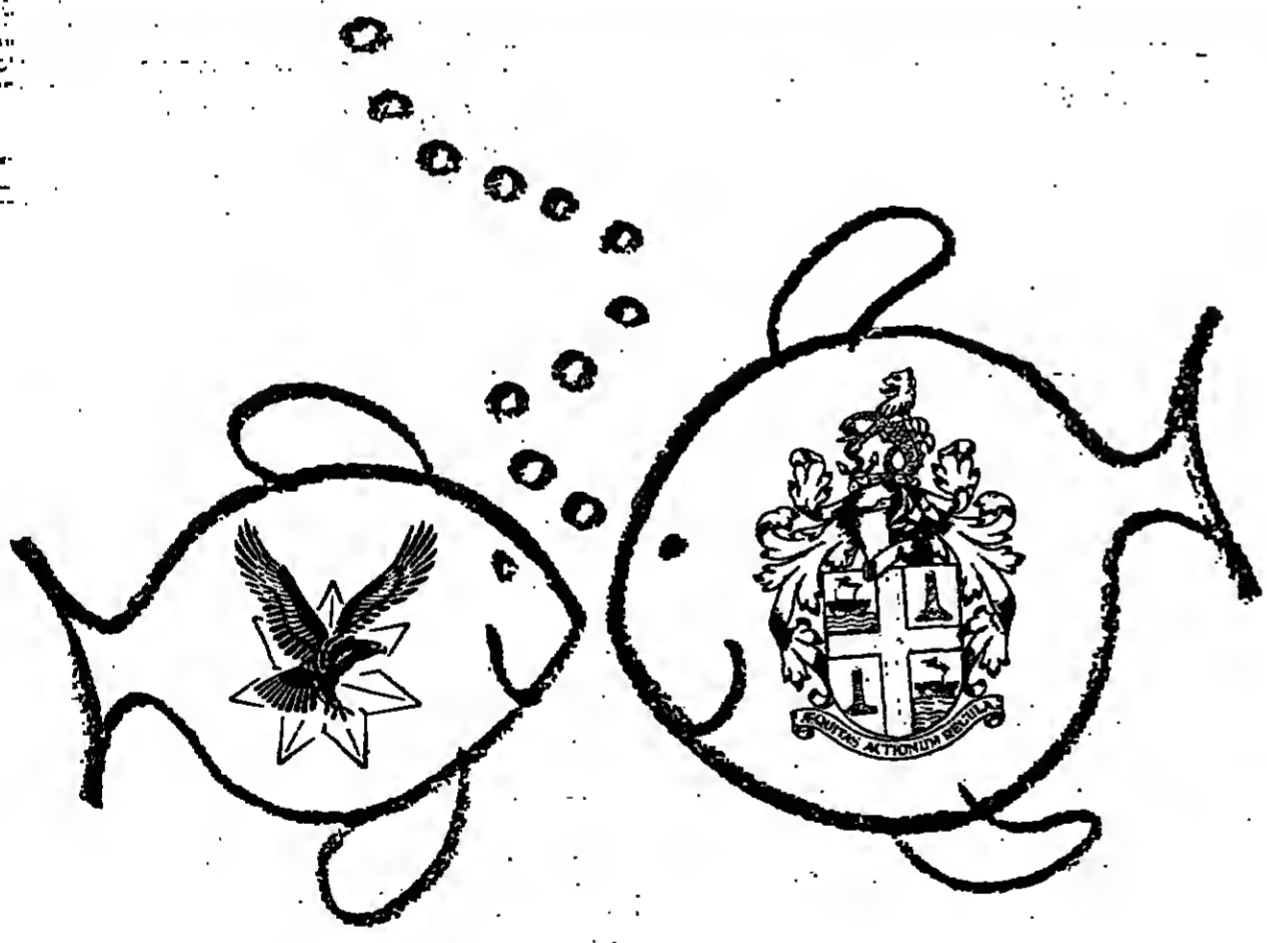
which are linked by computer to centres all over the country and will eventually plug into the ILU database at its Folkestone building.

A suspended floor installed on the first and second floors carries the cabling required for up-to-date computer systems and external communication with the rest of the London and other world markets.

With its central atrium creating a courtyard atmosphere with shrubs and plants, the decoration has been done in shades of green and the ILU headquarters provides a restful contrast to the frantic pace of insurance broking and underwriting.

Alison Eadie

Victor Head



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The big three are bringing business back to London

By David Lowen
Chairman, Institute of London Underwriters

The official opening today by Princess Anne of our new market-place and headquarters is an auspicious landmark in the history of the London insurance market. The London marine insurance market owes its development during the last 50 years and its present commanding size to three major factors: Lloyd's, which admittedly now has a larger non-marine role than marine but has, nevertheless, approximately half of the London marine market; the Institute of London Underwriters comprising all the British "household name" composite companies, the British independent companies and numerous foreign companies; and the spectacular growth of the insurance broking houses.

The three groups have been responsible for an enormous growth

in size and capital backing of the marine market in London. What was difficult to cover in millions 20 years ago can now be covered in billions. And the market is still expanding as a result of its expertise and adaptability to provide an unrivalled service worldwide.

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Celebration time: David Lowen, left, the I.L.U. chairman, with Peter Miller, Lloyd's chairman, at a reception marking the completion of the I.L.U. London headquarters and market-place.

Being in one building means that new information processing capabilities will enable direct data links between all members and brokers via the Institute.

The planned and continuing move towards standardization and streamlining of support services will allow individual underwriting operations to compete even more effectively with each other and within the world market.

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Pirates who make an art of scuttling

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In fact, maritime fraud takes a number of more prosaic forms.

The most common but perhaps the least publicized version is documentary fraud — the defrauding by cargo shippers and banks by falsification of shipping documents whereby goods are misrepresented as to their value, quantity or even their existence.

The least common but, since the celebrated case of the *Salem*, well-publicized and most romantic form is scuttling — the casting away of a ship with the connivance of her

owners with intent to defraud hull insurers.

It would seem reasonable to assume that scuttling is a highly individual crime and that the fraudster would be sure to avoid using a particular method which had already attracted underwriters' attention.

Surprisingly, trends from time to time can be discerned.

Whatever the logic of that proposition, it is nevertheless surprising to find from time to time that trends do develop.

There may be a series of ships being stranded, then a rash of sinkings, and, occasionally, as seen in a recent case, a spate of fires.

This is no doubt partly explained by mere coincidence but partly also by what underwriters and their investigators

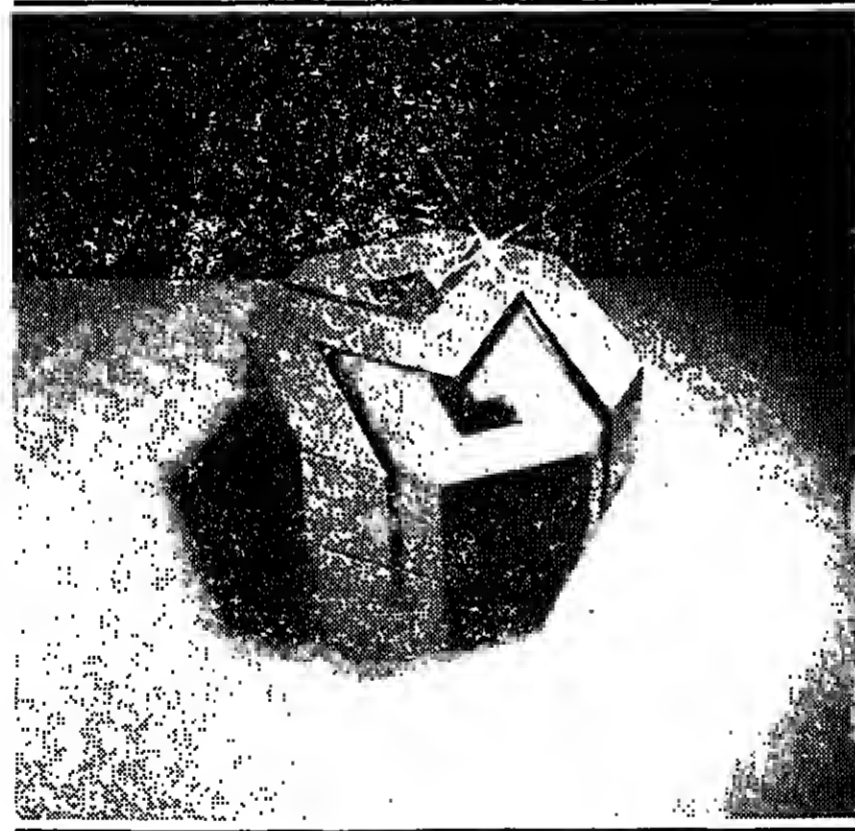
have long recognized as the work of people who supply scuttling services to shipowners.

Typically, the word will be passed that Mr X has succeeded in defrauding underwriters by a certain type of casualty and this leads to others trying the same method.

Similarly, the word will go out that Mr Y has access to funds and to crew members prepared to scuttle.

London market underwriters are investigating several such links between what would otherwise have appeared to be unrelated casualties.

It would be surprising if such inquiries revealed the substantial syndication pattern uncovered by the FERTI (Far East Regional Investigation Team) inquiry into sinkings in the South China Sea in the late 1970s, but the continual collation of information from different casualties and from different insurance markets will contribute to the



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London is the foremost marine insurance market, with business about equally divided between Lloyd's and the insurance companies which are member of the Institute of London Underwriters.

The London marine market is very conscious of its strength and influence, and of its substantial contribution to the City's invisible earnings. The market is not without its problems, however: in marine insurance they tend to be more complicated and affected by more factors than in other branches of insurance. The very internationalism of the business is paramount, influenced by trading and shipping conditions, currency fluctuations, restrictions placed on cargo insurance by many developing countries and maritime fraud.

Despite the shipping slump, the market is on a gentle upswing. After a long period of intense and interlocking competition, the gradual improvement that started in 1984 has been sustained.

Several factors are responsible: a shrinkage of capacity, particularly as fringe competition has dropped away with

the realization that claims in normal times can far exceed any investment income; a return to the security of the London market by fleets whose owners had been lured to other markets by cheaper rates; a tougher stance by reinsurers, who have turned the screw on terms and conditions, which has put pressure on direct insurers to increase rates, and a significant absence of large, individual total ship losses (year losses in the Gulf apart) during the past two years.

But the relentless deterioration in the shipping industry presents a big question mark, and many underwriters fear it will undermine the improvement in premium levels. They are increasingly worried about

By Denzil Stuart

the amount of sub-standard shipping still in service and the general lowering of standards throughout the industry.

Tony Nunn, chairman of the London market's Joint Hull Committee, which lays down guidelines on rating when hull insurances are renewed, believes underwriters are still underpricing their product.

He suggests a strategy as an accompaniment, if not a replacement, for further rises:

- more awareness of shipowners' operations, including crewing arrangements;
- greater co-operation with

classification societies and surveyors.

• reductions in premiums to be paid into a fund which can be set off against next year's premium or incurred but not reported claims;

• increased premiums could be spread over two years;

• obtain greater justification of hull valuations from shipowners;

• insist on earlier reporting of claims;

• greater co-operation between underwriters and banks;

• greater use of knowledge at the disposal of underwriters;

• greater flexibility in offering the right cover for an owner's needs but ensuring that cover is properly priced;

• close examination of the liability wordings of contracts and their relation to marine insurance.

Though competition in cargo insurance remains intensely aggressive, the problems here are more deep-seated than in the hull account. Marine insurance policies were originally designed to indemnify losses due to unfortuitous circumstances, but now insurers appear willing to insure against everything that is inevitable.

Often, cover goes far beyond the bounds of what might be considered reasonable, and in many cases the premium received by insurers is less than they used to receive for basic cover.

A hidden world and how it operates

Though traditionally it maintains a low profile, the ILU, as the focus of the marine insurance company sector, processes about half the marine and aviation business transacted in the London market, Lloyd's syndicates being responsible for the other half.

A small percentage is written by companies outside the ILU. As London accounts for half the worldwide business in these classes of insurance, it means that a quarter of the total world marine and aviation business passes through the ILU. The ILU processes more than £1.3 billion annually in premiums on behalf of its members.

When ship owners and exporters of goods ask their brokers to arrange insurance cover in the London market, they usually specify that cover be placed at "Lloyd's and/or ILU".

Most people are aware of Lloyd's - a collection of individuals who are grouped into independent syndicates using professional underwriters to offer insurance - but outside the insurance industry there are probably few people who are aware of the existence of the ILU, even though its member companies - such as

Commercial Union or Eagle Star in the UK, Concorde in France, Insurance Company of North America in the US or Sumitomo in Japan - are household names throughout many parts of the world.

In fact, the ILU at present has 110 member companies representing the majority of those conducting marine and aviation business in the London market. Membership ranges from the major UK composites, specialist or smaller companies and professional reinsurers, to foreign companies, with particularly strong representation from France, Japan, Scandinavia and the US.

The incorporation of the ILU to 1884 by the original 20 member companies, after centuries of Crown monopoly in England's marine insurance market, represented a 19th-century combination of the benefits of co-operation with the blessings of free enterprise. The benefits of membership are many, which explains why usually there are several companies awaiting the outcome of the ILU's stringent admission criteria.

In its everyday role the ILU is a servicing office, operating

very differently from most trade associations. It becomes involved in the insurance process only when a broker submits documentation (a "closing") to it for accounting. Then it ensures that the closing is correct and, if the policy wording is submitted, that it corresponds exactly with the detail shown on the slip or that any alterations have been approved by the leading underwriter.

A large proportion of the staff is occupied full-time on these tasks. The policy department and accounting centre are located in satellite offices at Folkestone, Kent, employing about 170 of the total staff of 220. Data is transferred daily between the two centres both physically and via computer terminals. The policy department processes some three million entries annually.

The pace of automation is speeding up, with an updating of computer hardware and software, and work is now being directed at enabling direct electronic transfer between brokers, companies and the ILU. In addition, the ILU is playing a leading part in discussions with other segments of the London market

on wider communications issues.

One of the ILU's original activities, which remains of paramount importance, is the drafting and issuing of technical clauses for attachment to policies; these are accepted as model clauses in many markets worldwide.

The ILU is represented in all the major ports throughout the world by claims settling and survey agents, another advantage to member companies.

Close liaison is maintained with other insurance organizations and with government departments at home and overseas to the benefit of underwriters, ship owners and shippers. The ILU is represented on the committees of The Salvage Association and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and together with Lloyd's it makes up a host of joint market committees, each concerned with particular aspects of the market.

It is the quality of services provided by the ILU which distinguishes it from most, if not all, other insurance organizations in Britain. And as Peter Worsfold, the general manager and secretary, points out, it is "the economics of scale which enable us to offer these services to members at a level of costs which improves their competitive situation in the world market, and it is here that we can anticipate future important developments taking place."

The year of flying dangerously

Pressure on rating levels and capacity continues since the aviation disasters that horrified people the world over.

Nineteen eighty-five was the worst-ever year for aviation hull and liability claims, estimated at \$1 billion for the major western-built jetliner accidents. Significant in this total were four unprecedented accidents: the loss of a plane worth \$95 million, the Air India Boeing 747; the highest number of passengers killed in a single plane, the Japan Airlines Boeing 747, 505 passengers; the highest number of military personnel killed in a commercial plane, the Arrow Air DC-8, 248 passengers, and the highest number of passengers killed in a hijacking, the Egyptair Boeing 737, 60 passengers.

Nineteen jet airliners were lost, including five high-valued wide-bodied types, compared with eight in 1984, none of which was wide-bodied.

Disturbing for underwriters is that no common factor underlying the losses is discernible. As Ray Dowling, chairman of the Aviation Insurance Officers' Association, which represents the insurance company side of the London market, said recently: "Most jet airliner types were involved, operating a cross-section of the world's airlines, with the location of accidents being well spread around the world."

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Not every continent would be interested in such trade. The non-institutional buyer in the US, for example, is concerned largely with domestic stock but the technology could easily stimulate that market.

The Americans had their Big Bang about 10 years ago. The government wanted competition increased in the market and for the public to be given a better deal.

an edge. At Prudential-Bache in Manhattan, a high-speed data and voice system comprises hardware designed by British Telecom...

The competition in the British market will be fierce during this autumn's Big Bang. Already companies such as British Telecom and Software Sciences are lining up to win a good share of the market.

The London Stock Exchange is still not clear what steps it will take to ensure that its members embrace the full benefits of the technology.

The dissemination of data is almost as important as the information itself. Again Prudential-Bache is typical of the big companies whose independent high-speed communications links are vital.

Thames Valley stops the rot

By Richard Sarson

Britain has always suffered from a mismatch between the training that the educational system provides and what industry actually needs.

Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, at a meeting in London's European Parliament offices last week, complained that "too much of the State system of training is unresponsive"

In the computer industry this has resulted in a disastrous skills shortage. Today, the speed of change in high technology means that a trainee course becomes out of date after only two and a half years.

In the Thames Valley, in the heart of England's computer industry, a survey by the local Chamber of Commerce showed that 80% of firms in the area find difficulty in recruiting skilled staff.

Last week the two European MPs for the area, Baroness Elles (Thames Valley) and her son James Elles (Oxon & Bucks), launched an initiative to give local industry, particularly medium and small firms, more say in moulding the courses of the local universities and polytechnics.

The project is called Target, the Thames Action and Resource Group for Education and Training. It will be funded by EEC money from the COMETT programme for Education and Training for Technology, and it is hoped, by the Manpower Services Commission.

Industry, in the shape of Rank Xerox, is helping by providing and paying for a director for the project. Later, Target will charge local industry for its services.

A database of training courses in the region will be set up on an ICL mainframe. It will also analyse patterns of employment: the qualifications of trainees coming on the market and the skills of the existing labour force.

The European dimension is that this will be a pilot project for other similar schemes in continental countries. Lady Elles hopes that the Thames scheme is a "micro effort" to solve the Community's skills shortage in Europe's other Silicon Valleys: Grenoble, Toulouse, Bavaria and the Clyde.

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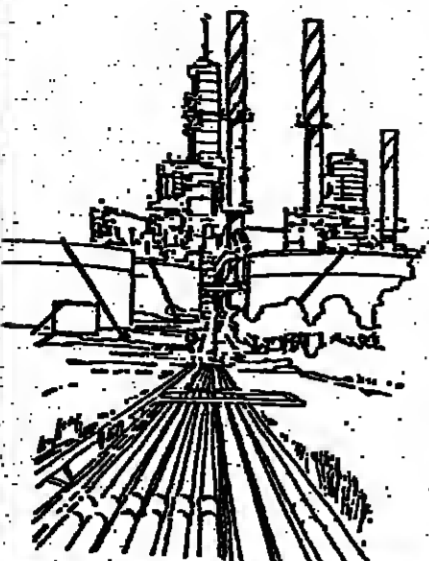
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RACING: 11-TIMES CHAMPION JOCKEY FORCED TO ABANDON HOPES OF RENEWING LICENCE TO RIDE
Piggott gives up comeback plan after discussion with agent

Money received by Lester Piggott for his farewell appearances not only at Newmarket last season but also at several racetracks abroad during the winter has been the principal reason for the 11-times champion jockey abandoning his plans to renew his riding licence...

The rider has apparently been informed by Mike Watt, his agent, that it would be a cause of serious embarrassment if Piggott had persisted with his arrangement made over the weekend with Vincent O'Brien and Ben Hanbury, the trainers of the two horses concerned...

Ben Hanbury, Midway Lady's trainer, was the first to hear the news. Lester has just rang the and told me that's all off," he said. "I'm very disappointed, but I'm sure that Ray Cochrane who rides her regularly will make a good substitute."

Vincent O'Brien was informed of the situation later in the day and a spokesman for Ballydoyle said that no new jockey had yet been booked for Tate Gallery. However, Robert Sanchez, the Northern Dancer colt's owner, commented: "This news has come like a bolt from the blue. We have been watching video recordings of Tate Gallery's races and were getting very excited about Piggott riding for us again."

Peter Twite, head of administration at the Jockey Club, commented: "I rang Piggott myself this morning, because if he wanted to ride this week, a meeting of the Licensing Committee would have to have been called pretty quickly. He just informed me that he had changed his mind."

"It's very difficult to say what would have happened if his application had been heard," Mr Twite went on. "As I said yesterday, these matters are entirely at the discretion of the stewards and they can impose any restriction or limitation that they wish. I will say this, however. Although there are precedents, I cannot think of a previous situation when a trainer of such a large team of horses has applied for a riding licence."

Bold Illusion to recover losses
By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Having napped Bold Illusion to win the Critérium de St-Cloud in Paris last autumn, Plaid is trained at Seven Barrows, near Lambourn, by Peter Walwyn, who also looks to have a good chance of winning the second division of the British Maiden Stakes with Golden Freight's Bay...

The confidence in Bold Illusion's ability to win the competitive handicap at Epsom, which was based on a fine win at Warwick and an excellent second over hurdles at Liverpool, could be pampered by the fact that he started a firm favourite at 4-1 in a field of 17. Unfortunately, his saddle slipped after they had gone only four furlongs...

Rigby knows Bold Illusion well, having won on him at Chester last August and at Warwick again this season. As he can still claim the full 7lb allowance, it remains his contention that BOLD ILLUSION will be very hard to catch with only 7st 10lb on his back...

Armada to miss Derby
Armada is unlikely to run in the Epsom Derby and will probably go to Chantilly for the French equivalent instead. That was the shock news from the colt's trainer, Guy Harwood, after Armada won the Prince of Wales Stakes cheekily by a neck from Miss Reef at Brighton yesterday.

Harwood said: "Greville Starkey still thinks the colt needs to settle more, and he's not ready to go to Chantilly just yet. He's still on course for York's Mecca Dame Stakes, but at the moment Balthazar looks a better prospect for Epsom. His is a well-balanced horse and more 'hack-hardened'."

All the bookmaking firms have taken Armada out of their Epsom betting, Shabranini is still the favourite with Hills and Coral. A total of 18 fillies have been declared for Thursday's 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket. They are: Ala Mahli, Asteroid Field, Bracknell, Cavanna, Dear Margie, Embra, Grand Couture, Improviser, Lady Sophie, Maysoun, Midway Lady, Rose Of The Sea, Sonic Lady, Spun Gold, Tanouma, Tender Loving Care, Valida, Weight In Gold.

Honeyghan is one step away from a world title bout
By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bermondsey, the British, European and Commonwealth welterweight champion, could cash in on a million-dollar showdown with Donald Curry, of the United States, the undisputed world champion, by the end of the year. But first, the world No. 3 must beat the No. 1 contender, Horace Sturford, of the United States, in a final World Boxing Council eliminator at Wembley on May 11.

It is unlikely that Honeyghan will stand in his way now that he is so close to a fortune that could launch his business ventures. "Honeyghan needs money," he said. "The Bermondsey boxer, who dresses with style and flair and wants money almost as badly as Sidney Greenstreet, a cool dresser himself, used to. Remember the big man's 'Money means more to me than my life. Money means more to me than my life.'"

Honeyghan's new manager, Bobby Neill, believes that the triple champion has the ability to get past Sturford, who is basically a boxer rather than a puncher, with only five knockouts in his record of 66 wins, two defeats and one draw. "If Honeyghan keeps showing the improvement in the gym he has shown over the last six weeks he will give Curry a hell of a fight."

Talks on Downey
From Richard Eaton, Jakarta

The future of Jake Downey as England team manager is once again in doubt following the failure of both the men's and women's squads to challenge seriously for medals in the Thomas and Uber Cup world team championships here.

There is a strong lobby to divide Downey's job and move him into another role, probably that of coaching manager. Events of the past few days have intensified the feelings of several leading B.A. officials that such decisions are necessary when the squads return home.

World Football
Brian Glanville

Real Madrid are faced, in attack, with an embarrassing choice of players. In their last UEFA game, the absence of the Argentine international forward, Valdano, who was suspended, meant they could use the 34-year-old centre forward, Diego Simeone.

Real are favourites in their final. But Colovras have two stars who may make all the difference. Harald Schumacher, a German defender, was in the Bernabéu in the 1982 World Cup final; and Klaus Allofs is scoring freely.

European Results

Table with columns for Country, Event, Winner, and Time/Score. Includes results for French League, Bulgarian Cup, Romanian Cup, etc.

Dunwoody accepts Nicholson offer
Richard Dunwoody, the 22-year-old National Hunt jockey, will ride as first jockey for David Nicholson next year (Christopher Goulding writes).

Dunwoody, who is joining Fred Winter next season as his No. 1 rider, Dunwoody said yesterday: "I hope to continue riding for Captain Forster when available and also Philip Mitchell, Michael Oliver and Colio Nash. It has been a great season for me. My winning ride in the Whitbread was tremendous and my other success over the National fences on Glenmuir in the Whitbread Chase was also a great moment."

Folkestone
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Racing results for Folkestone, including 5.30 East Road Novice Handicap Hurdle, 6.0 Golden Minstrel, 6.30 Gallant Buck, etc.

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Racing results for Nottingham, including 2.0 Cinderhill Maiden Fillies Stakes, 2.30 Bagthorpe Selling Stakes, 3.0 Eastwood Handicap, etc.

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